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ULTIMATUM FROM MIGRATION

PATERSON MUST GO!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S unlucky striker, Steve Paterson, will be heading for Japan, or perhaps Hong Kong, soon... after being told by migration officials to leave Australia.

Paterson's visa expires in December. But because he is not playing Soccer any more for Sydney Olympic, the Migration Department has passed on

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

the unpleasant news to the tall former Manchester United player that he must go.

Olympic president Jim Petinellis told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY that Paterson will be given a clearance to play anywhere in the world — but not in Australia.

"If he wants to return here, he must be our player and, of course, we have to put a price on him," said Petinellis.

When Steve Paterson signed for Sydney Olympic he was given a signing-on fee of only \$2,000.

There are rumours, however, that Olympic would demand \$20,000 for the player if any other Australian club wanted to sign him.

Steve Paterson's treatment from a section of the Olympic supporters indirectly caused Tommy Docherty to leave the club.

When Paterson refused to take the field for the second half of a match against Brisbane City, a storm of controversy blew up and the storm did not die down until last week when Docherty left Australia.

According to my information, Paterson is very interested in playing professional Soccer in Japan or Hong Kong.

He has been approached by a Japanese club and is now negotiating details.



'NO PAY' WOLVES SEEK A SPONSOR

WOLLONGONG Wolves chairman Laurie Kelly is hopeful he can land a national sponsor to get the team out of financial trouble reports PHIL MURPHY.

The club's Board has already started negotiations and is optimistic they will prove fruitful.

Wollongong players are again playing for nothing.

The players have been told they will have to play out the season without wages but Laurie Kelly says they will be paid.

This follows a month without pay earlier in the season because the club had a major cash problem.

Coach Willie Wallace is in the same boat and says it is costing him about \$45 a week in travelling costs to coach the side.

Things certainly are far from rosy within the club and there seems certain to be a mass exodus of players at the end of the season.

"We had the choice of paying the players or becoming financial with the NSL so it wasn't much of a choice really," Kelly said.

"It is only natural the players are upset at what

OLYMPIC BLAST

WRITES JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC have consulted their solicitors about statements made on Sydney Radio 2GB last week by former coach Tommy Docherty.

Legal action could follow.

allegations on air just before departing Australia

Docherty made several

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Two young midfielders on the ball at St George Stadium... with Olympic's Gary Phillips just getting there before Leichhardt's Ian Gray.

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IT'S GREAT to learn that, after all this time, the brains of the Australian Soccer Federation finally hit on an acceptable compromise to keep the National League going.

We don't know if it will work but at least the experts have been given the green light to formulate their plans. We must keep our fingers crossed that they do not louse things up.

One of the strangest developments from all the months of arguing is the establishment of a New South Wales Super League.

It won't be called that. Perish the thought. After all, the NSW State Federation was responsible for first dreaming up the idea of a Super League confined within the borders of NSW. And didn't NSW lose the big battle to the National Soccer League?

NSW were the losers yet could end up the winners.

If that doesn't make sense, consider what appears likely to happen in 1984.

The division of the NSL in which NSW clubs will be involved could look something like:—

Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, Leichhardt, Marconi, St George, Wollongong Wolves, Canberra Arrows, Newcastle KB United, Croatia, Melita, Blacktown Demons and one other Sydney club.

That is as near — or almost as near — as anyone can get to the concept of a Super State League. It looks a viable competition and should please just about everyone immediately involved.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has repeatedly called for Super State Leagues to

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replace the present unsuccessful NSL.

It would indeed be ungracious of us if we did not applaud what seems to be taking shape now.

Of course, teams in other parts of Australia have been treated far differently.

There will still be regular interstate travel for the 12 teams in the other division of the new NSL. That costs money, constantly increasing as fuel prices cripple the finances of air travel.

Even more serious than travel expenditure is the retention of matches which are box office disasters between interstate clubs. Brisbane teams cannot attract crowds in Melbourne: neither can Adelaide teams.

One is forced to ask the question... why have the four teams from Queensland and South Australia been kept in the competition? It is surely only a cosmetic concession to those clubs. When it becomes clear that they are a drag on the competition, be sure they will be ruthlessly evicted.

As that well-experienced ASF vice-president Ian Brusasco predicts — Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions will not last three years in the restructured NSL.

For the time being, though, they are being allowed to survive in order to make the National League look national.

There must be reservations about inter-

state club matches being dropped into the season periodically. This would be an unnecessary addition to the normal program and is probably another way of trying to make the National League national.

We do not like forsaking the traditional home and away fixture list and bringing in a system where some teams meet only once rather than twice. In just about every Soccer league in the world, each team plays each of the other teams twice. Maybe the architects of the new NSL know better than the rest of the world.

And we cannot stomach the word "conference" which is seemingly to be adopted for each division of the NSL.

Our Oxford Dictionary gives the meaning of the word as "a meeting for consultation, discussion, formulation of policy etc. or a trade association of shipping companies." Not a word about a League of Soccer teams being a "conference."

In the USA, the word has been used in sporting competitions but does Australian Soccer have to be guided by the Yanks?

With the North American Soccer League losing millions of dollars and pessimists fearing the game could die, it is hardly an opportune time for Australia to adopt US ideas and terminology.

If we must import ideas from foreign countries, for goodness sake let us copy Germany, England, Italy or Brazil.

The time for Australia to learn from the NASL will be when the United States and Canada cease to be backward Soccer nations and join the giants of the sport.



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NIGHT GAMES

CANBERRA Arrows are considering playing their home game against Leichhardt under lights at Bruce Stadium Saturday night, September 24, reports STEVE BURNS.

While Arrows' administrator Ms Karen Grega stressed that nothing was final, she has had talks with Leichhardt.

The match is set down for Sunday, September 25. "I believe a Saturday night promotion would be a great boost," Ms Grega said.

"The last time we tried a Saturday night promotion it was a great success.

"We played the Sydney Olympic game early in the season on a Saturday night and the 4,100 crowd was the best of the season."

Ms Grega said she believed Canberra and Queenbeyan's large Italian communities would give support to a floodlit game.

"We are also considering, if we can pull it off, having a curtain-rasier between Canberra's two best high school teams.

"These would be the champions from the North and South side of the national capital."

Canberra's Secondary School team last week became national champions with a 2-1 victory over NSW in Brisbane.

"While I want to stress that nothing definite has been arranged I hope we can fix it," Ms Grega said.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

HEIDELBERG 2 (Campbell, Lea) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton). At Olympic Village. Crowd: 1,000
ST. GEORGE 4 (Marton 2, Slater, Wilkinson)
WOLLONGONG 0. At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 1,720.

CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Brennan) STH. MELBOURNE 2 (Brown 2). At Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,035.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Wright 2), WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Brown, Brennan). At Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 300.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Raskopoulos, Soper), LEICHHARDT 1 (Tredinnick). At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 3,823.

MARCONI 3 (Winn 2, Sermanni) PRESTON 1 (McMillan). At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3,453.
FOOTSCRAY 0, NEWCASTLE 0. At Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 1,000.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Rankin) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina). At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,000.

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has happened but I have assured them they will get their money," said Wolves chairman.

Wollongong City's gamble in moving to Ziems



Park form Wollongong Showground has also caused problems.

The switch did not attract people from the southern suburbs and became a financial disaster.

The club will return to the Showground for home games in 1984, sharing it on alternate weeks with Illawarra Steelers.

NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	12
J. Bradley (L)	11
D. Brown (SM)	11
J. Paton (F)	10
J. Kosmina (SC)	10
C. Lucchesi (P)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
P. O'Connor (W)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	8
R. Cotton (W)	8
C. Egan (S.M.)	8
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	8
D. Wright (B.L.)	8
D. Marton (S.G.)	7
G. Gomez (S.C.)	6
P. Katholos (S.O.)	6
D. Lowe (N)	6
J. Mullen (A.C.)	6
D. Lea (H)	6
J. Campbell (H)	6
R. Slater (S.G.)	6
I. Gibson (C)	5
F. Farina (C)	5
T. Morsello (L)	5
V. Bozanic (M)	5
S. Winn (M)	5
Z. Odzakov (P)	5
P. Ollerton (P)	5
S. Atsalas (W.A)	5

INVESTORS EAGER, BUT NO RETURNS?

BY TOM MCKAIN

WHO would want to put cash into a company that will probably never pay a dividend, and whose stake will never grow in value?

According to Adelaide City officials plenty of people are willing to do just that.

This was the strong impression the club's board got at a special general meeting where the plan was put to members.

City are looking for \$500,000 to wipe out their debts — building and otherwise — and kick off

No details of City's financial position have

been revealed to the general public, but Mr O'Shea summed it up when he said: "We want to kick off the season with a clean sheet."

It is understood the club is solvent on the long term, but the board would prefer to have all its time payments wiped out before 1984.

Coach Bobby Ferguson, despite recent successes, is screaming out for at

least three class players, and City is expected to make team rebuilding its first priority.

Ferguson has contacts in England from his West Ham days and internationals as Scotland's goalkeeper, but has not had the cash to tempt players to Australia.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Brisbane City -v- St. George
Wollongong City -v- Adelaide City
Leichhardt -v- Footscray
Preston -v- Sydney Olympic
West Adelaide -v- Marconi
South Melbourne -v- Brisbane Lions
Sydney City -v- Canberra Arrows
Newcastle -v- Heidelberg

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt		
1. PRESTON.....	24	13	7	4	41-23	46	9	2	1	27-11	29	4	5	3	14-12	17		
2. NEWCASTLE	24	12	5	7	38-19	41	6	3	3	18- 7	21	6	2	4	20-12	20		
3. SYDNEY CITY	24	11	8	5	33-26	41	8	4	0	19- 5	28	3	4	5	14-21	13		
4. ST. GEORGE	24	10	9	5	32-21	39	6	5	1	17- 8	23	4	4	4	15-13	16		
5. STH MELBOURNE.....	24	11	5	8	35-32	38	5	3	4	17-16	18	6	2	4	18-16	20		
6. LEICHHARDT	24	10	4	10	37-29	34	8	2	2	24- 9	26	2	2	8	13-20	8		
7. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	24	10	4	10	32-26	34	5	2	5	17-13	17	5	2	5	15-13	17		
8. MARCONI.....	24	9	7	8	38-33	34	6	3	3	23-17	21	3	4	5	15-16	13		
9. BRISBANE CITY	24	8	8	8	29-35	32	4	5	3	17-16	17	4	3	5	12-19	15		
10. FOOTSCRAY	24	8	8	8	21-33	32	5	4	3	14-18	19	3	4	5	7-15	13		
11. ADELAIDE CITY	25	8	6	11	28-29	30	5	3	4	14-12	18	3	3	7	14-17	12		
12. CANBERRA CITY	24	8	5	11	38-40	29	6	3	3	24-13	21	2	2	8	14-27	8		
13. HEIDELBERG	24	6	9	9	23-31	27	6	2	4	16-12	20	0	7	5	7-19	7		
14. WEST ADELAIDE	24	5	11	8	21-30	26	4	5	4	15-17	17	1	6	4	6-13	9		
15. BRISBANE LIONS	24	5	6	13	29-50	21	5	2	5	21-19	17	0	4	8	8-31	4		
16. WOLLONGONG	25	2	12	11	30-48	18	0	9	3	13-16	9	2	3	8	17-32	9		

POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

KNOCKERS tell me the old Chrystal Ball hasn't been predicting too well but, undeterred, here are more fearless forecasts.

Sydney City, South Melbourne, Preston, Leichhardt and Newcastle KB all certain to win next weekend. In other games, St. George also look good, Westad and Marconi a draw banker and, believe it or not, Wollongong might get first home victory in living memory!

For entertainment, Leichhardt v Footscray worth admission money but few other matches appeal as crowd-pleasers. Maybe season is too long.

Q'LAND HAS TWO YEARS TO LIVE!

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president, Ald Ian Brusasco, believes Brisbane's two National League clubs will be lucky to see the third year of the new NSL format.

"This is a competition designed for the southern States. We are being asked to take the risks. I can see we are nothing but mere pawns in a competition which has been given the name National League for respectability," said Ald Brusasco, who abstained from the Australian Soccer Federation vote on the new format.

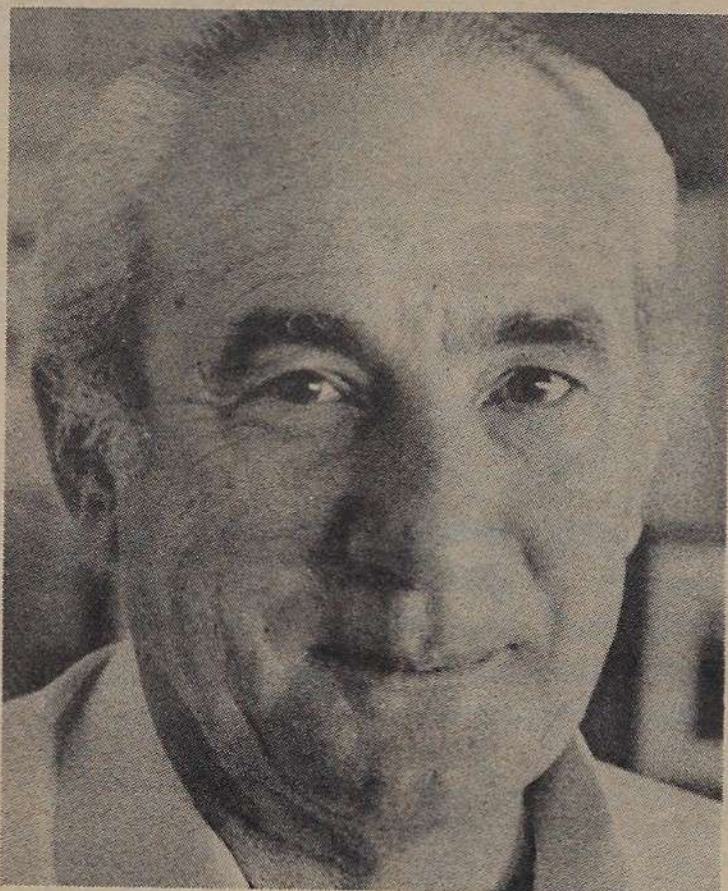
It was the first time in 23 years on the executive he had taken such action.

"Our clubs seemed keen to participate and we have a good relationship with them, so I didn't want to vote against City and Lions. But I wasn't prepared to help them commit slow suicide," Ald Brusasco said.

"We are in a Conference of convenience. We have been placed where we are because it was easier to put us there than disrupt the Sydney or Melbourne clubs.

"But it won't work. Our traditional ties are with New South Wales, not South Australia or Victoria. The public will neither understand nor accept it."

Ald Brusasco made his claims at a special media briefing at Perry Park. After months of secrecy



Brusasco

and speculation, the QSF handed out copies of all relevant documents and Ald Brusasco threw himself open to questioning.

He refused to answer questions on the West Nally sponsorship.

"Those questions are for others to answer. If I said what I wanted to say it might be writ-able," Ald Brusasco said.

theory that what happened in the State League would happen in the national competition and lead to its demise, as far as Queensland involvement was concerned.

He predicted now that the Sydney and Melbourne clubs had their own viable competitions, as sections of Conferences, they would soon tire of subsidising the extra travelling costs.

He was also highly critical of the new proposals in relation to administration of the new League and claimed it was possible for either NSW or Victoria to gain a majority control of the League sub-committee.

He also alleged the NSL had plans to develop Perry Park as its Queensland Soccer headquarters, without consulting the QSF, City, or Lions.

He claimed that under the promotion and relegation rules, it was possible for another Queensland team to get in only if Lions or City finished last. That, he said, may never happen.

"If I were a NSW or Victorian official I wouldn't be able to get on with this plan quickly enough. But there are no advantages whatsoever for Queensland. The only thing that can happen is that Queensland is thrown out," Ald Brusasco said.

He stressed strongly that the two Queensland clubs had nothing to gain from the new NSL format and once again pleaded with Lions and City to return to the local competition.

"It's not too late to pull out until the draw is done," he said.

Ald Brusasco once again expounded his

dumped from the First Division, the continuation of playing in the League comes with strings attached.

It is understood the

games in the NSL in the same season be barred from the lower ranks.

A bold step to wipe out reserve teams in the State Leagues and introduce a



NSL pair will be restricted in the number of senior players they field in the local competition.

And there are also moves to have any player who has played NSL banned from the State contests.

Another mover wants only two NSL players to be allowed to play against State League teams, while another suggestion is that players who have played more than three

Youth League appears to have failed.

Idea was to allow four over-age players to turn out for the Youth sides.

It is also being mooted that the two NSL clubs revert to their original Juventus and Hellas names for the local leagues.

A final list of proposals will be sent to all clubs, and their delegates will vote at a full Council meeting.

HEIDELBERG BID FOR BANFIELD



BY TOM McKAIN

THE BATTLE is on to keep Adelaide City sweeper Neil Banfield in Australia — and it's not just City who want the former English Youth team defender.

Banfield has announced he will return to England at the end of this month where he will join Enfield, but, more importantly, have a job.

However, Heidelberg have announced they will try to persuade him to change his mind and play for them.

There was a strong rumour that Preston had already decided they would get his signature, and now the buzz from Sydney is that at least two clubs there want him for next year.

However, Banfield is adamant that he is going back to England.

"My future is my biggest worry at the moment," he said.

"Job security is what I want, and I can get it in England."

City would like the 22 year old defender to come back to them from England.

They are also looking at the legal side of his position should be return to Australia, intending to play for another club.

The Adelaide side is seeking legal advice on a contract it feels would tie Banfield to City if he comes back to Australia.

Banfield must be the bargain of the League, arriving two years ago to join City for nothing, after being on Crystal Palace's books.

A first class sweeper, he can also tear midfielders apart when he moves forward, and has tremendous vision.

However, the recession which has cut down cash flow at City, and the uncertainty of work, has unsettled Banfield.

"I love playing Soccer, but I can't see any solid future in it for me," he says.

But our tip is he will be back in the NSL next year.

If he isn't, then there is something wrong with clubs who are crying out for stars young enough to be worthwhile paying for, and pampering.

Banfield is the type of player who must be encouraged to stay in Australia.

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for the UK. These infuriated the Olympic Board.

Olympic's president, Jim ("Cannon") Petinellis, told ASW last night:—

"Tom Docherty made some claims on radio which are simply not true. We will be making a media release this week on the matter.

"One claim was that he is still owed money by Olympic, yet we have paid him and have a signed legal release by Mr Docherty."

Petinellis heatedly continued: "Olympic has obtained a full transcript of the radio programme and it records other damaging statements made by Mr Docherty."

ASW has obtained a copy of the transcript which clearly sets out accusations that Olympic owes money to most players, outstanding to them since the first 10 games.

Mr Petinellis said: "No player is behind in wages due to him by the club. On the day Mr Docherty claimed that nearly all players had money due to them, only one was in arrears, for good reasons, and he was fixed up last Friday night at training. "These Docherty accusa-



Jim Petinellis

tions have cast serious aspersions on the good name of my club.

"We do NOT believe a denial on our part is in any way sufficient in itself to repair the damage caused to our good name by Mr Docherty."

TAMWORTH CITY 'RAIDERS'

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S.A. PEACE TALKS ON

ALL looks well again on the S.A. scene following a meeting between the two NSL clubs, Adelaide City and West Adelaide, and the State Federation Board, reports TOM McKAIN.

The two giants suggested that, unless they were allowed to play their reserves in local Leagues next year they would not be interested in fielding their NSL teams in the summer Ampol Cup series.

Moves to have the pair excluded from local competition — West finished fifth in First Division and City were runners-up in the Second — were not pushed at a later meeting of the Board and chairmen and secretaries of all State League clubs.

Clubs working for the expulsion of the NSL pair seemed content after it

was suggested the Leagues be split into two competitions of 14 clubs each.

First currently has 10, and Second 12.

However, there was another suggestion for two Leagues of 12, which is favourite at the moment among those who say they are "in the know."

Suggestions from the meeting will be collated by the Board and presented to the Council of Clubs.

While the West Supporters' Club, which runs the reserve team, stirred up feeling about being

ROUND UP

FRONT LINE DID DAMAGE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MARCONI'S completely replaced forward line of two-goal Steve Winn and wingers Ian Hunter and Rene Licata did their share of the damage as Marconi tamed NSL leader Preston 3-1 at Marconi Stadium.

With strikers Rod Brown and Mark Janjovics both injured and John Djordjevic needed in defence, Winn and Hunter came in and Licata was no longer just the substitute.

Winn scored twice, Hunter laid on an inch-perfect cross for Winn's second goal, and Licata played well until the accumulation of constant World Youth Cup, camps and National League football caught up with him.

The result reflected a brilliant first half from Marconi, and a second spell in which Preston made their openings but lacked the drive to finish off — with the exception of George McMillan's goal.

It was amazing indeed that Preston skipper McMillan decided to run into a strong downfield wind. The game did in fact start with a comedy of errors for both teams.

This ended as soon as Marconi hit their stride and they quickly turned on a delightful display of close-passing movements.

After a Yugoslav sideshow of their typical skills which featured Preston's best man Zarko Odzakovic and Marconi's Djordjevic, Winn scored with a lovely header just inside the far post.

Sermanni had presented him with a delightful cross in the swerving style that was once the patent of Jimmy Rooney.

Hunter's centre that brought the chance for

PRESTON FALTER UNDER PRESSURE

Winn to score a second was every bit the equal or better than Sermanni's, particularly as he selected the right split second to release the ball.

Immediately Georgie Campbell squeezed in a dangerous close-in shot, but Steve Calderan managed to head it away.

Preston was in deep trouble when Richard Wilson apparently guessed that Sermanni's placement would go wide. It was a goal... without a hand being raised to stop it.

Preston deserved a goal right on half-time. Campbell fed Peter Ollerton but his slanted header bounced up to strike the crossbar and run away.

Ollerton attempted to get his outfit on the road after the resumption. McMillan got the message to score with a shot that Bruce James might have saved had he adopted his usual policy of leaving his line.

Isaac Farrell replaced injured George Todorovski.

Over the last 15 minutes the Melbourne side had the ball doing tricks around Marconi's penalty area, but they were unable to finish.

Preston's display led Doug Collins to comment that he would like to play them every week.

They certainly could do with Claude Lucchesi back after the club committee further deals with him for skipping off for a private two-week trip to Los Angeles.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Djordjevic, Henderson, Calderan, McCulloch, Sermanni, Carbone, Hunter, Winn, Licata.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis, Petrovski, Jones, Todorovski (Farrell 61), Ilioski, Odzakovic, Flavell, Campbell, Ollerton, McMillan.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 3,453.



FOOTSCRAY'S RUN GOES ON

FOOTSCRAY remained undefeated for 10 weeks in a row, holding Newcastle to a 0-0 draw at Schintler Reserve.

The appalling conditions following the heavy down pour minutes before kick-off forced both sides to refrain from creative Soccer.

BY HARRY HALL

The water-logged pitch made it difficult for them to pass the ball accurately.

Newcastle appeared the more hungry side in the first half and worked solidly towards the lead.

Footscray's well co-ordinated defence however, drew the iron-curtain in front of Bolland's goal shielding it from Mountford's and Senkalski's sight.

Both players worked tirelessly in their respective positions and created enough opportunities to give their side the lead.

Footscray defenders however, thought otherwise and fought desperately to deny them any opportunity.

The second half of this interesting encounter turned into a different story as the game started slipping, gradually from Newcastle's grip.

Bobby McLachlan's shrewd substitution in the 63rd minute lifted his side and helped them establish complete dominance till the end.

Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Brian Beeves spectacularly tips the ball over the crossbar during the Lions and West Adelaide clash.

In fact Footscray could have won the game had young striker, Vladko Belic been accurate on two occasions.

After the match, coach McLachlan once again praised his boys for their effort but blamed luck which prevented their scoring.

As for Kenny Kaiser, KB's coach, he maintained that Newcastle had the same number of chances to win the game and blamed the heavy ground for the failure of his team to snatch the three points.

FOOTSCRAY: Bolland, McDowell, Curovic, Kyriakouleas, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Purdie (Lujic 63).

NEWCASTLE KB: Gosling, Kerby, Tredinick, Mason, Burke, Watson, Senkalski, Mountford, Lowe, Jones, Lee.

REFEREE: E. Voutsinas.

CROWD: 2,000.

KIDS FAIL TEST

BY GREG RUSSELL

THREE goals in an eight minute period enveloping half-time provided the few highlights of a poor bottom of the table clash between Brisbane Lions and West Adelaide at Richlands.

Even the goals were scrappy.

Here were two teams comprising mostly teenagers trying to make it in a League where the leading teams have seasoned professionals left over.

Youngsters like Lions' Danny Wright and West Adelaide's

Tim Brown certainly have their moments, but when the crunch situations come, it is obvious there is no substitute for experience.

West Adelaide led through a 36th minute goal from Brown but lost the upper hand when they conceded two goals during injury time in the first half.

Such a turn of events should have been a catalyst for victory for the Brisbane side; however they too lost concentration and conceded an equaliser.

Hogg had to finish the match with a three-centimetre gash in his head as Kis-

temaker could not risk a substitution as young stopper Alan Hunter was being troubled by his knee from which a cartilage was removed less than a month ago.

Lions have Danny Wright to thank for their point as he was one of the few players consistently shining in a team getting worse as each week passes.

Wright equalised West Adelaide's early goal when his shot deflected from under keeper Gary Sproul at the 45th minute mark.

Less than two minutes later, he put his team ahead when he finished a move which saw John Stewart head a Clarke Ander-

son cross on to the up-right and then square the rebound across the goal.

But six minutes into the second half, Mick Brennan rose above a group of Lions defenders to head home a Graham Heys' corner.

BRISBANE LIONS: Beves, McSkimming, Vasquez, Hunter (Daunt), Niven, Hogg, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, Wright, Vincent, Anderson.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul, Amey, J. Papazoglou, Dunn, Hiern, Atsalas (Stamatolopoulos), Brennan, Doorne, Heys, Brown, Honenman.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler.

CROWD: 300.

SAINTS EAT WOLVES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE left striker, Dez Marton, let everyone know that he still has many Soccer miles left in his veteran body, when he scored two excellent goals against Wollongong at the St George Stadium.

Saints defeated Wolves 4-0 after surprisingly being held to a scoreless first half... thanks to Wolves goalkeeper, Natch Vardareff.

He saved brilliantly a short stabbing shot on the near post from midfielder, Johnny O'Shea who met a nice cross from the right flank, from Robbie Slater.

Three minutes after half-time, Saints cut loose and hit the target through Robbie Slater who brilliantly penetrated the Wollongong box and turned a snap-shot into the net from eight metres.

In the 55th minute, the Wolves nearly equalised when Roy Cotton slung a perfect cross into the Saints' box.

Midfielder Jeff Ainsworth met it to crash his shot against the crossbar, but the ball bounced out.

From here on, the jokes were over as the Saints took full control and launched raid after raid, with Marton and Slater cutting Wollongong to pieces.

Central striker, Paul Wilkinson, climbed high on the far post to meet a perfect Marton cross to head Saints' second goal.

Then in the 71st minute, Marton scored the best goal of the match, when he set sail from 35 metres out.

Marton veered to the left, cut square across the box, ducking and

weaving defenders before letting fly with a short pile-driver from 12 metres; he gave the impression that he always knew from the outset just where he was going to nail his hit.

Wollongong's back four of Willis, Vlietstra, Dunleavy and Pollard, could not handle the St George pressure, but in all fairness, their midfielders, with the exception of Larry Gaffney, also offered no resistance.

With five minutes left, the veteran Marton was off again. He busted away towards the left, cut inside beating two defenders and finally exploded a right-footed shot to roll the scoreboard over to St George 4 Wollongong 0.

Wollongong's deadly winger, Phil O'Connor, usually a match-winner, did little for his side as they were cut to pieces.

Maybe the Saints' little right-back, David Skeen, was supplying a negative influence to this Australian international.

Best performers for the Saints were, Marton, Slater and Johnny O'Shea, whilst for the Wolves, only Larry Gaffney and striker Roy Cotton, who left the field injured in the 82nd minute, offered any sting back towards the flying Saints.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Peter Ston, Barton, Slater, Wilkinson, Marton.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Vlietstra, Dunleavy, Pollard, Ainsworth, Gaffney, McBroom, Dickson, Cotton (Green 82), O'Connor.

REFEREE: Ken Small. **CROWD:** 1,720.

ROUND UP

BOTH TEAMS BLEW THEIR CHANCES

ADELAIDE CITY and Sydney City blew their chances for three points when they failed to cash in on golden goal opportunities in a 1-1 draw at Olympic Sports Field.

Making a late charge for the Top Four, Adelaide were first to hit the front when central striker Peter Rankin, almost on Tony Pezzano's goal-line, turned on the ball and rammed it into the net.

That was in the 30th minute and Sydney looked in trouble. But the home bubble burst in the 64th minute when John Kosmina, who had been having a titanic struggle with Neville Flounders, glanced a free-kick into the net with his head as he outplayed Flounders in the air.

Earlier, Charlie Villani, had raced into the Sydney box but with only Pezzano to beat, fluffed his shot.

However he recovered and set the ball up beautifully for midfielder Sergio Melta — only to see him blast the ball over the bar.

And in the first half, Villani had the goal at his mercy but was thwarted by Pezzano whose body blocked the shot.

BY TOM McKAIN

Willie Murray missed a chance for Sydney in the second half, as did Kenny Boden, and at one point in the first half home goalkeeper, Willie McNally did some acrobatics to cut out a Kosmina cross after being caught out of his goal.

Referee, Tony Martell, did not help the players in either team with some strange decisions and at the finish, had Adelaide's Glenn Dods and Stewart Blair in his book along with Sydney's Gerardo Gomez and Barnes.

There were grounds for Sydney coach, Eddie Thomson, complaining about the lack of a penalty in the first half when midfielder, Paul Kay got into the box and appeared to trip.

Kay did a power of work for Sydney all over the ground, particularly when fellow midfielder, Joe Watson had to leave the field limping in the 49th minute.

Alex Bottalico took over and while not as skilful as Watson, worked his heart out as did Murray, Boden and Kosmina.

Thomson refuses any claims that Sydney has lost the title: "We have still to meet Preston in Sydney and I don't think they can stand the pressure at the top of the table," he said.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Dods, Shillabeer, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Carter, Blair, Mullen, Rankin, Villani.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Souness, Robertson, Cant, Barnes, Watson (Bottalico 49), Kay, Gomez, Kosmina, Murray, Boden.

REFEREE: T. Martell.

CROWD: 2,123.



SUN SHINES ON OLYMPIC

After two dreadful weeks of living on the crest of a slump the storm clouds have cleared and once again Sydney Olympic is basking in the warm rays of sunlight.

Happy days returned to this much-maligned club

at St George Stadium when they beat rival Leichhardt 2 - 1 in a highly entertaining and hectic struggle.

Both teams gave it their lot in a ding-dong battle that could have gone either way.

As it was, Olympic made less defensive errors and also had the ability to capitalise on mistakes in the Leichhardt

defence.

Both teams had three clear chances during the match — Olympic grabbed two, while Leichhardt missed their three.

During the first half, the Leichhardt defence was completely disorganised and did not seem to know what was going on as the Olympic strikers made inroads towards goal.

Nobody seemed to know who was supposed to mark Marshall Soper or Jim Patikas and this spelt disaster.

At times Patikas and Soper ran riot and the marking in the Leichhardt penalty zone was terrible.

Peter Raskopoulos punished this deficiency

BY TOM ANDERSON.

in the 28th minute as he opened the scoring... all on his own six metres from goal following a long throw from Gary Phillips.

Ten minutes later Marshall Soper found himself completely unattended when he picked up a rebound from Jim Patikas to ram the ball home.

Leichhardt had been hit for slackness in defence and indeed this is where the ball game was won and lost.

However Leichhardt never gave up and pulled one back when Peter Tredinnick slammed the ball home in the 51st minute.

They tried hard for the equaliser but the Olympic defence held firm.

After their great win over Marconi, the Leichhardt players did not seem as hungry for success in this game as the Olympic lads.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Coady, Herbert, Dakos, Jennings; Raskopoulos, Katholos, Patikas, Phillips; Soper, Pantalis (Koussas 80).

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Carter, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Morsello (Valeri 57), Sharne.

REFEREE: Tim Davies
CROWD: 3,800.



The ball is stuck between the feet of opposing players, Terry Butler and Jim Patikas, in the Olympic v Leichhardt match.

BROWN IS HERO FOR SOUTHS

BY STEVE BURNS

SOUTH MELBOURNE'S hero against Canberra Arrows was burly striker Doug Brown who crashed home both goals to skin Canberra 2-1.

South Melbourne deserved their victory.

They adapted better to the slippery conditions.

But it was Canberra who stormed on the attack and hammered at South Melbourne's defence.

However, rarely did Canberra penetrate sufficiently to create clear goal chances... despite pinning the home team in their own half for 30 minutes.

Brown and his team showed the merits of the purposeful and polished quick break.

Late in the first half — when South Melbourne began to break — they did so with deadly precision.

Once Brown's shot was finger-tipped into the air by Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski and when Brown got a second chance he fired into the side netting.

Minutes later fellow front runner Charlie Egan smashed a shot against the underside of the crossbar.

But with just 60 seconds of the first half remaining, a breakaway involving Egan, Ken Murphy and Brown, saw Brown take his chance with classical ease to beat Hoszowski with his low, hard shot.

Nine minutes after the turn-round Brown showed another fine piece of opportunism to make the score 2-0.

Full marks to Canberra for a gallant recovery — rewarded in the 64th minute by a well taken goal by striker Tony Brennan from a kick lobbed through from Ian Stone.

Minutes later it was Stone who beat everyone with a stinging drive only to see it whistle inches wide.

Then, with just 10 minutes remaining, full-back John Yzendoorn also took on hero status.

Canberra's Ian Gibson hit a well placed ground shot that beat goalkeeper Peter Laumets but was stopped on the goal line by Yzendoorn.

A draw would have been a fair result yet one had to agree with South Melbourne's coach Len McKendry's comment: "We took our chances better and that's what wins games."

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Byrne, Ambrosino, Walsh, Murray, Cole, Brant, Gibson, Stone, Brennan, Farina.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Davidson, Russell, Yzendoorn, Blair, Crino, Halford, Murphy, Buljevic, (Woodin 74), Brown, Egan.

CROWD: 1,035.
REFEREE: G. Davies.

HEIDELBERG'S MORALE BOOST

By Con Nikolopoulos

ONE THOUSAND Heidelberg United supporters braved the chilling cold to cheer their side to their first win in seven weeks, over much-fancied Brisbane City 2-1.

The Bergers staged a brilliant second half comeback to level the score and record a morale-boosting victory over a classy Brisbane City.

The blistering conditions and the water-logged Olympic Village affected the quality of the match in the first half as both teams tried desperately to string their passes together.

Brisbane City dominated the game, mainly because of their superior skills and determination to win the three points to maintain close contact with the top four.

In spite of that dominance, Heidelberg created the better scoring opportunities and were unlucky not to go into the lead after 12 minutes when midfielder-prime-mover, Jimmy Campbell rounded Wilkinson and floated the ball into the box. But Mike Valentine failed to push the ball over the goal-line.

City hit the front after 40 minutes from a corner by Frank Pimblett.

The skilful midfielder bent the ball into Olver's area making it difficult for Heidelberg's defenders to clear.

Bobby Hamilton standing close by collected a weak clearance and slotted the ball into the net

through a cluster of defending Heidelberg players.

Heidelberg drew level in the 53rd minute when Campbell's attempted cross from the by-line, swerved into Wishart's net.

Theo Selemidis was extremely unlucky not to score in the 54th minute, when his first-timed shot was deflected by Wishart.

The winning goal came from Derek Lea eight minutes from the end.

The hard-working forward accepted a through ball by Campbell, beat Steve Perry on the run and netted.

Elated Jim Tansey commented after the game: "Today's win will definitely boost the morale of the boys because for the last seven weeks we failed to collect points."

Tansey's counterpart, Jim Hermiston, thought his team was unlucky not to have collected the three points because, on effort, City was the better side.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver; McKie, Tansey, Yankos, McLeod, Selemidis, Spanos, Campbell, Cole, Lea, Valentine.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Williamson, Wilkinson, Hamilton, Perry, Liddell, Bromfield (Falco 66), Pimblett, Fabrizio, Caird, Cairney.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 1,000.

THEY'RE ALL BACK, STRONGER

THE AUSTRALIAN Women's Soccer squad was announced at the Presentation dinner following the Australian Championships held in Perth.

On paper, it looks a very strong side and one that will be capable of disposing of any opposition, when it plays in the Oceania Cup later this year.

Some of the recognised Australian players are back in the squad from the NSW side after their absence last year.

Rose van Bruinessen showed at the Championships, that she had lost none of her generalship in the sweeper position whilst Cindy Heydon has adopted a more mature approach in commanding the midfield and pushing through balls to the fast-running forwards.

The tried trio from Western Australia of Judy Pettitt, Janice Stott and Sandra Brenthall is

again included after a sound showing in Hawaii earlier this year.

Sisters, Kerry and Joanne Millman from Sth. Qld have been included as has sturdy midfielder Sharon Wass.

Returning to the side after being unavailable for selection last year, are Toni McMahon and Julie Dolan.

Apart from McMahon who has been an Australian goalkeeper, there are two other contenders for the position.

Therese Jones from Victoria, who went away with the Hawaiian group and up and coming Vicki Salmons who was top keeper for the NSW state side.

Salmons went away to Brisbane last year as the

understudy keeper but put in a fine performance in Perth this time.

One of the youngsters from the 1982 Nthn NSW side justified her coach's confidence in her when she was selected as an Australian squad member.

She is Helen Watts who was 14 when she played for Nthn NSW State side last year.

Julie Dolan showed that she is still capable of penetrating a solid defence and will be valuable to the side.

It was pleasing to see Kristen Theile obtain recognition this year.

Kristen has been a NSW State representative for five years and has always put in a solid performance.

In all, the side is well balanced and Coach Jim Selby will have plenty of players from which to select the ultimate Australian team.

The side is:— Judy Pettitt, Janice Stott, Sandra Brenthall and Sharon Mateljan from WA, Toni McMahon, Julie Dolan, Helen Watts, Renaye Iserief and Karen Menzies from Nthn NSW, Kerry Millman, Joanne Millman, Sue Monteath, Leanne Priestley, Sharon Wass, and Michelle Sawyers from Sth Qld and Julie Porter, Cindy

Heydon, Kim Lembryk, Vicki Salmons, Leigh Wardwell, Rose van Bruinessen and Kristen and Kristen Theile from NSW and Andrea Martin and Therese Jones from Victoria.

As is usual on the Presentation night, national coach named players who had caught his eye for future years.

They were Sharon Smith and Sharon Reid from NSW, Julie Murray from ACT Kym Whitcombe, NSW Amy Tredinick and Lisa Dunn from Nthn NSW, Graca Decastro from Nthn Territory and Netta D'Antonio from Victoria.

The Lord Mayor of Perth Ald. J. Michaels, presented the trophies to the winners.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation in WA, Mr Keith Wilson, gave the trophies for the runner-up team. Before doing so, Mr Wilson announced that the Western Australian Government was pleased to advise that \$1,600 was to be given to the Under 15 side for expenses in travelling to Canberra recently to compete in the Under 15 titles, \$2,000 to be given the WA Women's Soccer Federation for assistance in holding the 1983 Championships and \$750 for the purchase of a video camera for use by the Association.

The predominance of youth showed quite clearly in the 1983 Championships.

Although they were low on the pointsscore list, Victoria, with seven players under 17, showed they will be building a future State side from these youngsters.

Other States showed with the inclusion of younger players in their ranks that they too, recognised the need for new blood in their State sides.



Pagewood 'keeper Helen McDonough misses Rita Soper's penalty for Sydney Olympic.



Aftermath: the story tells it all.

OLYMPIC GIRLS WIN

THE SYDNEY Olympic Women's Soccer team won the Grand Final of the Combined Eastern Suburbs — St George Womens Soccer Competition 1983.

The game was played at Barton Park against Pagewood on Sunday August 28, 1983.

Pagewood are the Premiers for 1983 and were a favourite to win having beaten Sydney Olympic on two previous occasions 4-1 and 5-1 respectively.

Sydney Olympic had to beat the strong Sydney City team in the finals to challenge Pagewood. Although Sydney City had defeated Pagewood in two previous matches, Sydney Olympic had beaten Sydney City once and drew

once. However in the final Sydney Olympic defeated Sydney City who were in second place by 4-1.


The Grand Final was played before a crowd of about two thousand who had principally come to watch the Sydney Olympic — Brisbane City game.

The first goal of the match was scored by Sue Lapin of Pagewood and Syd. Olympic went to the dressing room at half time down 0-1.

In the second half Rita Soper scored from a penalty and then Tossie Te Huia scored Olympic's second goal.

The Sydney Olympic Women's team who were the Easybeats' at the beginning of the season proved that with intelligent coaching methods (Aris Patikas Team) (George Stamoulis Goalkeepers) and solid support (Sydney Olympic Committee and Club) most objectives can be achieved.

Though the team has only been in existence for four months this success is bound to be an indication of a stronger link for Women's Soccer for the future.



Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain



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BEAUT BRAWN

A division one clash between North Ryde and Pennant Hills brought the brawn and the beauty of Leslie Smith, Michelle Cook and Kim Newman together.

WATSON'S CROSSES

OUR recent game against South Melbourne at Middle Park in Melbourne must have been one of the most exciting matches of the year.

It had everything and at times both teams played vintage Soccer.

Even with South Melbourne having a 2-0 half-time lead and then eventually winning 3-2 in a tense finish, our players still were spat on at half-time and at the end of the game.

Obviously the animals who persist with this filthy behaviour do not care whether their team wins or loses; they are only there to prove to everyone how low they can sink.

Let's face it, you cannot get any lower than spitting at players. Most players can take all the verbal abuse fans throw at them but as Tommy Docherty says, no player or official deserves to be spat on. It is the height of vulgarity.

I hate to think what the South Melbourne fans would have done had we won and not lost. It seems that some fans just cannot act like humans.

As usual, it is the minority group spoiling the game for the majority. Even their fellow supporters are disgusted with their behaviour and I know several people who have vowed never to go to another game.

I think it's about time clubs started taking a hard line with the offenders, banning them totally from all games.

Our game will be far better without them. I for one would not take my son to a match and have him exposed to these animals and I'll bet there are hundreds more of the same opinion.

The standard of Soccer in the NSL has definitely slipped in the past two seasons, and banning overseas players will see a further decline.

There are good and bad players available as imports and it is up to our clubs to import only the best — not to ban them.

Our game here is still a long way off being able to operate solely on Australian-born players.

Sure, there are many talented home-bred players appearing on the scene at the moment.

But I feel that, although they have the quality, there's not enough quantity and that may take many more years to come about.



Joe

THE Scots at Brisbane City have gained yet another foothold. Big Frank Liddell, the former Hearts player, has taken over from Frank Pimblett as captain of the NSL side.

Pimblett has held the position for many seasons and club officials gave a flimsy reason of "outside" pressures on Pimblett as the reason for the change. Liddell does make a good captain, as he motivates those around him, but Pimblett seemed to be doing the job satisfactorily.

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RALE RASIC and Lubo Goykovic both emphatically deny that they applied for the Sydney Olympic coaching position.

Rasic, in fact, was in Tasmania when Olympic and Tommy Docherty parted company and didn't even know the job was vacant. Rasic arrived in Sydney at 4 p.m. on the Friday — about 24 hours after the coaching job had been filled by Manfred Schaefer.

As Rasic told ASW: "The Doc is a good friend of mine and I strongly resent the inference that I was seeking his job."

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WOLLONGONG WOLVES will not wait until next season to get back on the Wollongong Showground... they'll play three NSL matches there this year.

The final match of the season there should be a scorcher. Wolves are at home to Brisbane Lions. They fill the last two places on the NSL table and it could be a bloody battle for the "honour" of finishing bottom.

One thing is for sure — Wollongong regret their decision to switch from the Showground to Ziems Park at Corrimal this year.

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ST. GEORGE fans were surprised to see Mike Fraser in goal for the home match against Adelaide City.

Fraser has hardly had a look in since Terry Greedy grabbed the goal-keeping position in the last match of 1983.

The decision to leave out Greedy was a very late one. Coach Frank Arok says Fraser was brought in only a few minutes before kick-off. "But I had no worries — Mike's a very capable goalie," said Arok.

Greedy's trouble was a badly bruised knee... "it was black," according to Saints coach.



Mike Fraser

"SOME of my players are still lacking confidence in themselves," said Len McKendry after the win over Sydney City.

"You see, we had the game wrapped in the first twenty five minutes, and yet they retreated in the second half, fearing they may not be able to keep the lead. My instructions were to the contrary, because we were well on top of our opponents.

"I think we need a bit more time to regain complete confidence."

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WEST ADELAIDE coach Alan Vest has named 17-year old Theo Stamatelopoulos as the most improved player in the club's Rothmans League First Division team.

The youngster missed the last two league rounds when he was promoted to the NSL line-up, playing in midfield in the draws with Sydney City and Canberra.

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DAVID MITCHELL, Sydney City's star forward, now doing so well with Rangers in Glasgow, misses the news of Australian Soccer.

When AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY spoke to David on the phone, he said: "Would you please send me ASW every week? I need it to know what's happening back home."

We'll be happy to attend to do that!

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THE NSL scouts were out again at the S.A. State League Rothmans Medal dinner.

Several players were seen in deep conversation with representatives of Adelaide City and West Adelaide — but all talks were unofficial, until the end of the season.



Buggy Nyskohus

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AGE must be catching up with Adelaide City full-back and captain Buggy Nyskohus.

The tough defender had missed only one game in the national competition since it started — until round 22 this year.

A thigh injury kept him out of the derby with West Adelaide, and he's still receiving treatment.

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Adelaide's NSL clubs, West and City, are hovering around the Croatia camp in the S.A. State League First Division.

As soon as the season ends with the Top Four Coca-Cola Cup competition, they will pounce on 22-year-old striker Gary Price.

The little Englishman shot to the top of the scorers list with 12 goals and would have stayed there but for a hamstring injury which kept him out of the last three League matches.

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PRESTON's outstanding form in the NSL this season has captured the imagination of everyone who likes to see a Cinderella story coming true.

But not everyone is thrilled about Preston's success. As the coach of a Sydney club observed: "Preston is a team of European imports. If every first grade squad in the NSL adopted Preston's policy, there would be no hope for all the talented Australian-bred players now performing so magnificently in most other teams."

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GREAT PR gesture by Canberra Arrows during Sunday's home game against South Melbourne. Through Karen Gega, the ACT's Australian champion Secondary School team was presented to the crowd.

Fans gave them a rousing reception.

As total underdogs, they went to the Australian Championships in Brisbane and emerged undefeated, knocking off NSW in the final 2-1.

IT is still not certain if Australia will get international match practice before going to Singapore to defend the Merlion Cup in December.

The proposed four-nations tournament here in November has little chance of being staged, mainly because it would be a drain on Federation funds.

National coach Les Scheinflug is very anxious to get his Socceroos into action before the trip to Singapore.

The Merlion tournament starts on December 4 and lasts about a fortnight.

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NEW ZEALAND is aiming for a home bred Kiwi lineup and is confident of achieving it by the time of the 1986 World Cup eliminations.

This was disclosed during the Australian Schoolboy Championships in Sydney by Kiwi assistant national team boss Doug Moore who was in charge of the young New Zealanders.

"We have started towards our goal and the production line is in full swing," Moore said.

"Like Australia we have a wealth of young talent coming through and the future looks good."



SYDNEY City coach Eddie Thomson is very disappointed with the treatment his team has received from Victorian referees.

Commenting after City's defeat by South Melbourne Thomson implied that Victorian referees have not been fair to his side.

"I cannot help feeling Victorian referees have not been as helpful this year, as in previous seasons," he said.

Thomson was sent off the bench by referee Chris Bambridge for allegedly using bad language.

FORMER Sydney Croatia player Kevin Coleman is looming as a hot favourite to take out this year's Queensland Rothmans medal for the best and fairest player in the Premier League.

Coleman has been consistently outstanding in the Ipswich United side, first as a midfielder and recently as a sweeper. The only thing that might go against him is that he missed a few matches this season, through a late start and business trips.

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TALKING about politics in sport.

New South Wales Soccer Federation joined the other State Bodies to vote in favour of regionalisation.

If you can't beat them, join them, so they say.

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MIKE Petersen, Heidelberg's promising midfielder lost his boots on the plane flight

A blow, you may say, for the up and coming Petersen because he needs them badly to establish himself in the Heidelberg team.



Greg Woodhouse

BOBBY PARKES provided a great exhibition of goalkeeping for Leichhardt against Marconi at St George Stadium.

That was great for Parkes but not so good for Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse who must be wondering if he will ever reclaim his first team spot.

Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico said he was sorry for Woodhouse and commented: "I would like to give Greg a chance in

the first team before the end of the season but I told him he'll have to force his way back."

The way Parkes is playing, Woodhouse will need to push very hard!

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ONE of the best players in Australian Soccer is poised to join one of the world's richest clubs.

The move will be made within a few weeks and it will be greeted with surprise from a number of quarters.

"SUPER OLLIE" led his players by example to their triumph over Brisbane Lions.

He not only performed brilliantly but scored one of the five goals to help his team establish a six point lead.

Peter Ollerton is the strongest candidate for the "coach of the year" award.



Peter Ollerton



HEIDELBERG ace forward Gary Cole has been promoted to team captain.

The decision was

reached following Jim Tansey's appointment as coach until the end of the season.



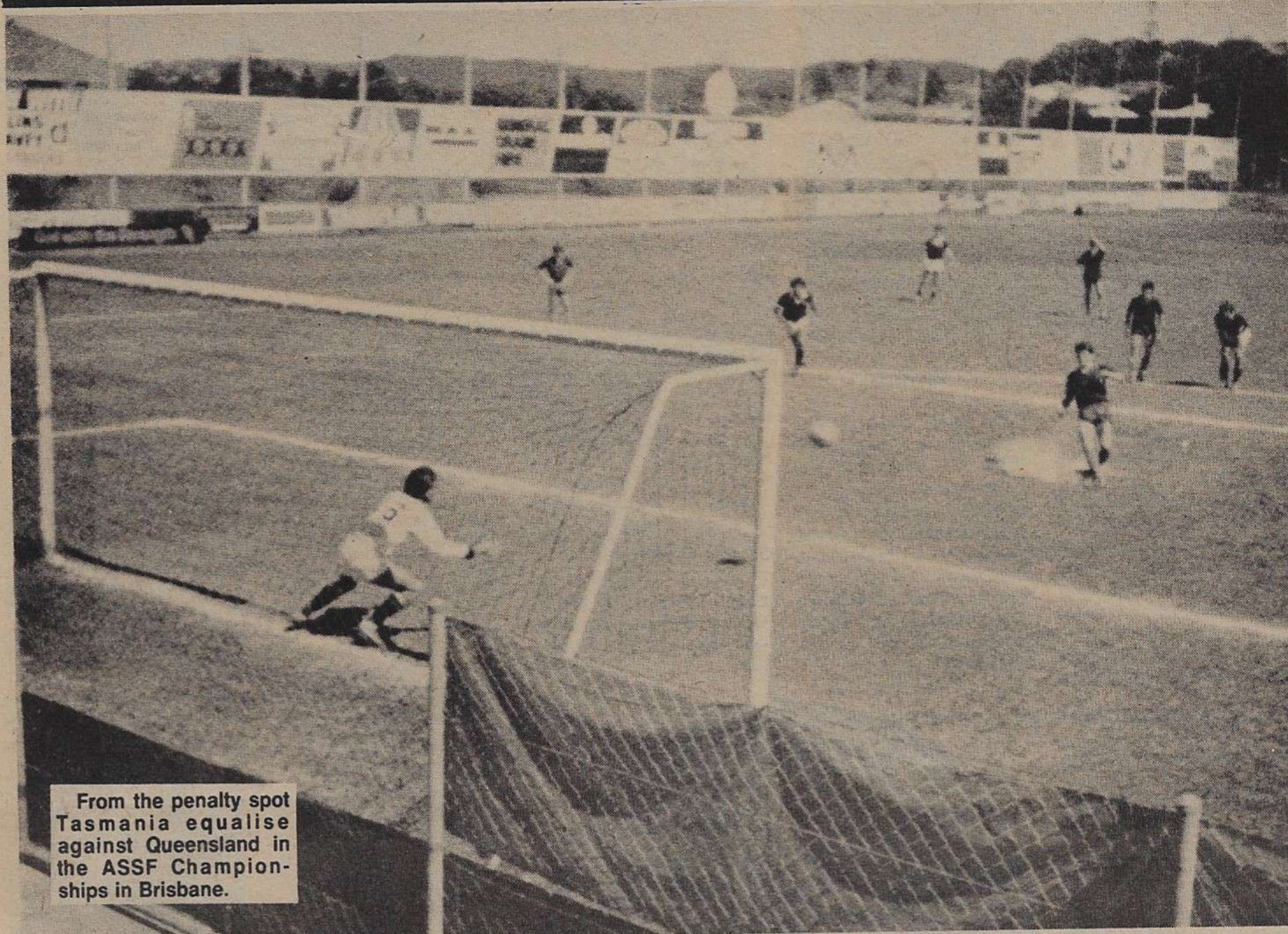
CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

ACT LADS HOLD OUT, TO WIN!

BY BILL TURNER

THE Australian Capital Territory brought off the unexpected when they downed NSW Combined High Schools 2-1 to win the Commonwealth Bank Trophy in the Australian Schools Soccer Federation Championships, held at Spencer Park, Brisbane.



From the penalty spot Tasmania equalise against Queensland in the ASSF Championships in Brisbane.

Beaten 3-0 by the CHS side, which represented NSW in the last series before the final, ACT were well prepared by their coach Les Bee when they ran onto the park for the big one.

ACT chased every ball, attempted every header and would have tackled the referee had the ball gone near him, such was their enthusiasm.

This upset the free flowing CHS side which coach Chris James had had working like a well oiled machine throughout the tournament.

A couple of quick breaks saw the ACT run to a 2-0 lead and for a time the CHS lads appeared to lose interest.

However they swung back into action in the last fifteen minutes, grabbed one goal back (the best of the tournament) and almost took the game with extra time, but for a miracle save by Chris Hummel.

But it was not to be and the ACT lads held out to win their first ever Schools championship. Spinks and White were the scorers for ACT, while Stephen Waugh notched the CHS goal.

Best for ACT were Andrew Bernal, Jason Dunn, Warren Spinks and Darren White. Stephen Waugh, Matthew Garland and Ali Reda performed well for the CHS side.

Referee Mr Lee Hanna had a top game, in fact the refereeing at this tournament was first rate. NSL referee David Nugent controlled a couple of fixtures as did up and coming Roger Marshall.

The whole championships were smoothly conducted which was a credit to the Queensland organisers Stewart Butler, Chapman Bonner, Alan Pratt, Neville Wagner and others.

The Brisbane City Club gave outstanding support and had their ground in top condition. The official dinner on Wednesday

night was voted as "The Best" by all who attended and Chef Steve Cowley was loudly applauded.

ASSF Vice President Ian Brusasco was the leading speaker at the dinner.

At the ceremony following the final Mr Bob Steele, representing the Commonwealth Bank, presented the Bank's trophy to the victorious ACT captain. During the week the Bank was also represented by Mr Brian Waters and the charming Miss Sandy Gear.

At the moment the ASSF is awaiting a reply from the Tasmanian Schools authorities to have the 1984 Championships played in Hobart.

The ASSF owe a real debt of gratitude to the many families who accepted billets throughout the week of the championships.

RESULTS

MONDAY: Qld 0 v NSW CHS 4; Tas 0 v ACT 2; W.A. bye.

TUESDAY: Tas 2 v Qld 2; WA 0 v NSW CHS 4; ACT bye.

WEDNESDAY: WA 1 v Tas 2; ACT 2 v Qld 1; NSW CHS bye.

THURSDAY: ACT 1 v WA 0; NSW CHS 3 v Tas 0; Qld bye.

FRIDAY: NSW CHS 3 v ACT 0; Qld 2 v WA 1; Tas bye.

FINAL: ACT 2 v NSW CHS 1.

SUNDAY: AIS 3 d Aust Select 1.

POINTS

NSW CHS	8
ACT	6
QLD	3
TAS	3
WA	0

REVESBY BOYS SET RECORDS

THE REVESBY Workers U8 division 1 soccer team has completed a very successful 1983 season with a victory in the final against Panania RSL 1-0.

This team has been minor premiers and premiers, 3 years in succession, as U6/2, U7/1 and now as U8/1, a record in the history of the Revesby Workers Soccer Club.

The team's 3 year record stands as: goals for — 174, goals against — 8.

Games won — 43, games drawn — 6, games lost — 2.

Revesby Workers Soccer Club holds an annual U8 Gala Day and this year's U8/1 team was the 1st Revesby Workers team to win their own shield since its inauguration 16 years ago.



At the outside function, following the ASSF Championships, the ACT captain Andrew Bernal holds the Commonwealth Bank Trophy while making his victory speech. He is flanked by Mr Chapman Bonner, President of the ASSF and Mr Bob Steele of the Commonwealth Bank in Brisbane.

tion 16 years ago.

They have also won this year's Lidcombe Waratah's Junior Soccer Club KO and Chullura Wolves Soccerarma KO.

This year's U8/1 team are the 1st team in either the junior or senior soccer teams of the Revesby Workers Soccer Club to qualify for the Champion of Champions Competition for 12 years.

The team is: Nathan Palmar, Brett O'Callaghan, Anthony Bateman, Joe Tommassio, Adam Fairley, Steven Norris, Paul Sidmark, Scott Swadling, Gary Tridyett, Christopher Muscat, Adam Mennd, Scot McClannan, Peter Sidnak. Coach: Allan Fairley. Manager: Helen Fairley.



Proudly holding the Commonwealth Bank Trophy after their ACT team had won the ASSF Championships in Brisbane are Les Bee (coach) and David Sheridan (manager).



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AT LEAST FOUR FOR RELEGATION

WHO'S FOR THE CHOP?

THERE IS growing concern among State League clubs about their future.

Now the seal of approval has been given to the two division National League Conference next year, at least four State League clubs will be lost to the premier Victorian league in 1984.

Question is — who'll get the nod?

Secret talks in Melbourne have established Melbourne Croatia and Juventus as favourites and then it's anybody's guess between league champions Green Gully, Sunshine-George Cross, Maribyrnong Polonia, Morwell Falcons, Fawknor, Croydon City and Northcote City.

Most of these clubs have good grounds, some better than the others.

Green Gully have excellent facilities including social rooms and a dry well drained high ground pitch.

Over the years of its two consecutive championships, Gully has proved to have one of the best administrations headed by Guy Spiteri and finance director Arnold Langer, a former Gully player.

Their championship-winning team was built by that astute coach Bobby McLachan, now with Footscray.

They boast the best sharpshooter in the league, Paul Lewis, who has scored 23 goals this year.

Croydon City also have a reasonably good ground at Croydon Park and say if they're accepted into the Conference they'll move to a new complex at Dorset Gardens.

In their favour they Jimmy Rooney starring with them every week as well as Steve McCombe who has given them many seasons of good service.

Northcote City have great claims because of their Greek support and their fine complex at John Cain Stadium. They are the only club in the league with an electronic scoreboard and they have popular manager-coach Tony Vrzina in charge.

Morwell Falcons, the only country club to have succeeded in top company, also have strong claims with their first-class facilities and social rooms.

Tony Boggi is their coach and among their stars is former South Melbourne striker Alun Evans.

But clubs like Albion Rovers, Doveton, Box Hill and Ringwood City who have little support are concerned about where they will play in 1984.

Talk is a new premier league will be established in Victoria and the Victorian Soccer Federation will call for applications for it.

It is believed the Federation will create a new league from the clubs with the best support and with the best facilities.

Among those being considered are Bulleen Veneto, Hamlyn Rangers, Holland Park, Melbourne and Frankston Pines.

It seems whatever happens there is going to be some disappointment because there appears to be more clubs with better credentials than some of the existing State League clubs.

A change may be as good as a rest, but I believe if some of the existing league clubs get the boot they won't rest until they are reinstated in top company.



Jimmy Rooney

THOMASTOWN RELUCTANT JUVENTUS SUITOR?

WHERE Fawknor failed, Brunswick Juventus hope to succeed.

Last week State League club Fawknor tried to amalgamate with second division club Thomastown.

The move was to strengthen Fawknor's case for admittance to the National League Conference next year.

Both teams are strongly supported by the Italian community.

Fawknor's secretary, Sam Pizzo, said the club

voted in favour of the amalgamation "as we believe two strong Italian clubs would draw excellent support from the community."

"It would also increase our chances of being admitted to the National League."

Thomastown secretary, Martin Commetti, said his club gave the idea a lot of thought but after a vote of members it was

decided not to accept the offer.

Now the Juventus club, who are hot favourites to join the National League Conference with Melbourne Croatia from the Victorian State League next year, will approach Thomastown for a marriage.

But will the wedding take place?

Some of the Juventus committee members believe it will.

They will have talks with Thomastown this week in an attempt to try to encourage them to amalgamate and make one big strong Italian-supported side for next year.

Meanwhile, talk is that Juventus and Croatia will be playing their home games at Melbourne's best Soccer ground, Olympic Park, next season.

I know the Olympic Park committee of management are keen to retain their best customer, Melbourne Croatia, and although the Juventus club are building a new sporting complex at Clifton Park, Brunswick, it will be some time before it is ready.



George Bozikas (left) heads the ball clear of Tom Patsakos

UP FOR GRABS?

STAVROS Liakos, a 41 year-old coach from Western Australia, flew into Melbourne this week looking for a job.

He has travelled widely in Soccer circles having coached Newcastle before they joined the National League, Maitland in NSW, the WA under 16 squad as well as WA's first division Athena.

Stavros played for the Melbourne Croatia club when he first arrived in Australia from his native Greece.

He's now in Victoria again and is keen to coach a higher grade club.

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THE ETERNAL SOCCER TRIANGLE

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE MUSIC may have stopped but the melody lingers on - and will do for many years to come. This is the only way to describe the departure from the Australian Soccer scene last week of the remarkable Tommy Docherty.

For years to come The Doc's controversial escapades during his stay in Australia will be talked about wherever Soccer is played and indeed also in many places where the game is taboo.

No doubt his deeds will be magnified out of all proportion, as is the case with all colourful and controversial characters.

The departure of The Doc will be welcomed by some and mourned by many.

For whatever you may think of Tommy Docherty he is a man who got Soccer into the headlines during his stay here.

Always outspoken and fearless, he did not suffer fools gladly and made no secret of it.

Not for one minute am I attempting to paint Tom Docherty as a saint - he's far from it.

But his prowess and ability as one of the world's leading manager-coaches speaks for itself in his record.

In my opinion, The Doc was grossly neglected by the people who run Soccer in Australia.

It is this, more than anything else, that is the biggest tragedy of "Tommy Docherty's Australian Affair."

Not his bust up with Sydney Olympic - every manager-coach worth his salt has, and will have, a bust up with Olympic!

But the sad fact is that during all his time here, the ASF failed to capitalise on his wealth of experience and for me, this is inexcusable.

Let's recall some of his managerial feats. He took three teams to the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley: he put Scotland on the international map during his term as national team manager. He rebuilt Manchester United into a force to be reckoned with, changed Chelsea from a music hall joke into a world class team, and as a player, appeared in an F.A. Cup Final and 25 times for Scotland including two World Cup campaigns.

He's managed some of the greatest clubs in the world and is respected in the upper echelon of world football.

Yet there are people here running our football, both at top administrative and coaching level, who did not even bother to seek his advice or opinion.

The only conclusion that can be reached is they were too embarrassed to talk to The Doc. Their limitations might have been exposed.

Yet, no doubt in the near future, a big song and dance and a great deal of money will be spent to bring some has-been foreign coach here for a holiday, under the pretence of "advising and giving us knowledge."

The Doc's detractors will quickly point out that he was much too outspoken and too ready to criticise the system.

But his firm belief was... how can the game in Australia improve if the faults aren't pointed out?

To declare that everything in the garden is rosy may be what some people want to hear, but it's akin to an ostrich burying its head in the sand when danger appears.

During his stay here, The Doc did not win any



This was the face that was going to launch a 1000 goals, alas the marriage is over. Tommy Docherty prepares for departure.

championships with Olympic or South Melbourne.

However a manager-coach does not have to win trophies to be successful.

Docherty got the best out of what he had at his disposal and in so doing, made a tremendous impact.

Sure he cut corners and speaks his mind, but he increased the club's gates, lifted the team and got it into the headlines.

The publicity he gained for Sydney Olympic and indeed Australian Soccer was incredible and if you don't believe it, inspect his file at any newspaper office!

There are thousands of sports fans here in Aus-

tralia who will always remember his throw away lines. For example about the press - "There's a place for them - but they haven't dug it yet." About club directors - "The ideal set-up is to have three - two dead and one dying."

Corny? Probably so, but the punters love it.

The Doc is essentially a man of the people - some Sydney Olympic fans excepted of course.

The little battlers favourite if you like. Mr and Mrs Average love The Doc and see him as their champion against officialdom.

The little man in the street sees Tommy Docherty as the victim of

his own circumstance and his own worst enemy but he will always be his favourite, come what may.

The Doc's parting from the Australian scene is living proof that the bigger and more popular a coach becomes in Australia with the masses, the less chance he has of survival.

We are led to believe time and again that Australian Soccer wants personality coaches.

But, as soon as a coach grabs the media spotlight, he is earmarked for the axe.

It happened to Rale Rasic and to Rudi Gutendorf and it's happened to Tommy Docherty. It will

LOVE, HATE, DIVORCED!



In the arena there will always be brickbats and bouquets. Tommy Docherty is in good company

continue to happen as long as the Australian Soccer set-up remains as it is.

The true fact is some of our top officials are jealous of the publicity these men generate.

Australian Soccer will have to realise that the game needs the Rasic's, the Docherty's the Gutendorf's and indeed any other personalities who capture the public's imagination... despite their criticism of dull and stagnant authority.

Australian Rules has its Ron Barassi. Rugby League has its Jack Gibson. Men who hit the headlines every day of the week with their fearless and outspoken opinion of what needs doing and what is wrong.

Under the present trend we will soon have a battalion of introverts and the game will wither away!

I am sure every fair-minded Australian Soccer



From the top: Rudi Gutendorf, departed these shores after the failure of the national team to qualify for the World Cup in Spain

Flashback to better days as the Doc enjoys the adulation of Sydney Olympic's welcoming committee.

Ron Barassi, outspoken Aussie Rules coach.



Flashback as ex-prime minister Gough Whitlam congratulates Rale Rasic for taking the Australian team into the World Cup finals in 1974. Sacked recently by South Melbourne for poor performances.

fan will wish The Doc the best of luck wherever he may venture.

There is no real worry over what lies ahead of him for as well as being a

stormy petrel and a likeable rogue he's one of Soccer's great survivors.

So good luck Doc. No doubt we'll be hearing all about you soon.

Masters Crown Tournament 1984

ROYAL HAWAIIAN WORLD SOCCER

By JOHN ECONOMOS

24 SOCCER teams from all over the world will fly into Hawaii next year to battle for the "1984 Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Crown" in three separate, spectacular Tournaments which will be held there next March, between the 19th and 24th.

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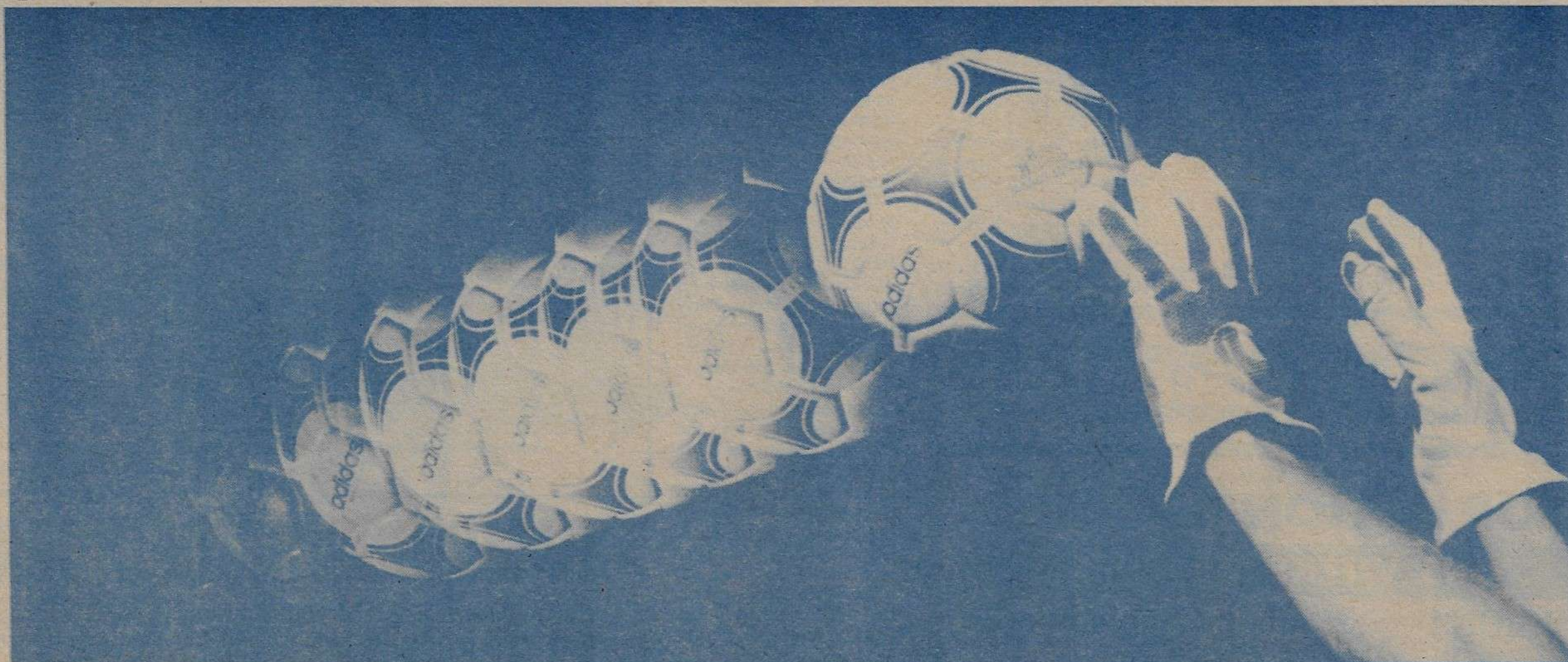
Gordan Menzies from Canadian team Langley S.C. Edmonton, Alberta, holding his trophy for "Outstanding Player Honours" in the Royal Hawaiian World Soccer Masters'. Gordan is flanked on the left by a Hawaiian hostess and on the right by the Tournament's consultant-organiser, the lovely Susan Harrington.

Staff members of Royal Hawaiian World Sports that will greet you upon arrival at Honolulu, to escort and organise you stay in Hawaii.

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BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	23	15	7	1	50	11	37
Melita	23	16	4	3	46	11	36
Blacktown	23	17	0	6	52	22	34
Ku-Ring-Gai	23	11	6	6	38	25	28
Sutherland	23	11	6	6	32	22	28
Avala	24	9	7	8	30	35	25
Manly	23	9	6	8	40	39	24
Inter-Monaro	23	8	7	8	32	33	23
Cant-M'ville	23	7	4	12	36	44	18
Yugal	23	5	7	11	20	37	17
Polonia	23	3	7	13	23	44	13
Auburn	23	3	3	17	21	63	9
Bankstown	23	2	4	17	25	60	8

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	23	18	5	0	65	15	41
Sutherland	23	18	0	5	72	17	36
Manly	23	15	4	4	58	27	34
Melita	23	13	7	3	66	35	33
Bankstown	23	12	6	5	47	28	30
Ku-Ring-Gai	23	11	6	6	48	27	28
Croatia	22	8	5	9	42	35	21
Auburn	23	8	3	12	32	44	19
Avala	23	6	5	12	38	49	17
Inter-Monaro	23	5	2	16	20	58	12
Cant-M'ville	23	5	1	17	29	53	11
Yugal	23	2	5	16	21	85	9
Polonia	23	1	4	18	14	80	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	21	15	1	5	53	19	31
Croatia	21	12	7	2	41	21	31
Cant-M'ville	21	11	8	2	36	15	30
Melita	21	9	9	3	44	22	27
Manly	22	10	6	6	50	28	26
Blacktown	21	9	8	4	35	19	26
Ku-Ring-Gai	21	7	4	10	30	35	18
Bankstown	21	6	4	11	34	39	16
Avala	22	6	4	12	30	57	16
Auburn	21	5	5	10	25	38	15
Polonia	21	6	1	14	14	35	14
Yugal	21	1	2	18	15	79	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	25	18	3	4	62	29	39
Warr-N'been	25	16	6	3	49	23	38
Gladesville	25	14	6	5	45	29	34
Fairy Meadow	25	14	4	7	42	26	32
Wollongong Utd	25	10	8	7	40	27	28
Dee Why	25	10	8	7	36	37	28

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	25	19	5	1	72	19	43
Gladesville	25	17	5	3	74	16	39
Penrith Utd	25	13	7	4	54	24	33
Nth Banks	25	13	5	7	57	33	31
Rev Workers	25	14	2	9	66	38	30
Warr-N'been	25	11	8	6	45	29	30
Parra City	25	13	3	9	47	49	29
W'gong Utd	25	9	4	12	43	55	22
Artarmon	25	8	3	14	40	72	19
Blacktown Utd	25	7	4	14	35	57	18
Rockdale	25	8	2	15	32	54	18
Dee Why	25	7	2	16	21	54	16
Belmore	25	5	3	17	30	71	13
Uni of NSW	25	3	4	18	18	67	10

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	25	22	0	3	102	26	46
Penrith Utd	24	21	2	1	82	26	44
Uni of NSW	25	14	6	5	57	25	34
Dee Why	25	15	4	6	49	25	34
Gladesville	25	12	7	6	47	29	31
Parra City	25	11	5	9	52	36	27
Warr-N'been	25	10	4	11	45	51	24
Nth Bankstown	24	8	4	13	45	57	20
Belmore	25	8	3	14	33	46	19
Rockdale	25	7	5	13	28	58	19
Blacktown Utd	25	7	4	14	38	54	18
W'gong Utd	24	4	6	14	32	58	14
Artarmon	25	5	3	17	44	90	13
Revesby Wks	25	1	3	21	21	94	5

LEADING SCORERS

Arnold (Cr) 18
Theodorakopoulos (CM) 17
Smith (Mly) 16
Eaton (Ku) 15
McKie (Mel) 14
McLaughlin (Blk) 12

SHARKS BATTLE

SUTHERLAND overcame a tenacious defensive effort from Polonia to defeat them 2-0 at Chopin Park.

The Sharks now have to beat Canterbury and hope Blacktown defeat Ku-Ring-Gai to slip into the vital fourth position on the table.

Polonia used the off-side trap to perfection, bar the two times Sutherland overcame it to score. The first half was mainly played between both mid-field combinations and no real goalscoring opportunities were created.

After the interval, the Sharks constantly pushing forward. Their efforts were rewarded with goals in the 74th and 84th minutes.

Groome beat the off-side trap and ran onto a fine through ball from Webber to slot it past the Polonia 'keeper. The double was scored by Webber following some good lead-up work from Groome.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Dal Forno, Terrey, Schuman, Watkins (Cinch 70), Harrington, Groome, Beggs (Meades 82), Webber, Cashman.

GOALS: Sutherland (Groome 74, Webber 84).

TURNBULL TO MISS MATCH

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUDS will be without striker John Turnbull for their crucial preliminary final against Weston Bears next Sunday at Edgeworth Park.

Turnbull was ordered off late in the game when Adamstown crushed semi-final opponents, West Wallsend 5-0.

The former Weston forward scored two goals before his dismissal.

In the major semi-final two goals in extra time by substitute, Jim Bryden, carried Central Coast through to the grand final with a 3-1 win over Weston.

Central Coast leading goalscorer, Paul Corbett, headed his team into the lead from a cross by Dale Eggleton before Tom Stirrat equalised for Weston.

In an exciting period of extra time, Bryden who had replaced Peter Mamo in the 83rd minute, gave the Weston defence the run-around for Central's

third win over the Bears this season.

Two goals in less than a minute midway in the first half put Adamstown in a commanding position against West Wallsend, whose play deteriorated after goalkeeper Craig Grills' two tragic errors.

Derek Todd's goal late in the game, which gave Adamstown a 5-0 lead, was the highlight of the game when the elusive forward swept past four defenders before cheekily despatching the ball wide of Grills.

RESULTS: Central Coast 3 (Bryden 2, Corbett) beat Weston 1 (Stirrat) after extra time. Adamstown 5 (Turnbull 2, Wells, MacQuarie, Todd) beat West Wallsend 0.

CHASERS CLINCHER?

WITH only one round remaining Ku-Ring-Gai look like clinching fourth position from Sutherland Shire following their crushing 3-0 win over Avala at the Gabbie Stadium.

Ku-Ring-Gai and Sutherland are equal with 28 points but goal difference favours Ku-Ring-Gai by three. The Sharks have the easier game, facing Canterbury at home while the Chasers face Blacktown City away. This year's competition has been full of upsets and no doubt there could be a couple next Sunday.

The first half was keenly contested by both sides. Avala looked the more threatening in front of goal but stern defensive efforts held them out. Early in the game a point blank header from Avala's Brown was brilliantly saved by Curtis.

The second half provided a contrast with the Chasers rattling in three goals. In the 56th minute a header from Ku-Ring-Gai's Leak was handled in the area and Berry made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Ku-Ring-Gai struck their second blow in the 69th minute when Brockbank skilfully volleyed a Regan free-kick into the top corner of the net.

Eaton sealed Avala's fate in the 76th minute when he scored from the penalty spot following a foul on Leak.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Berry, Jesse, Bertram, Knight, Leak, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, McKegan (Davidson 48).

AVALA: Ahrens, Lem-bryk, MacKenzie, Barton, Vujnovic, Radojevic (Milne 60), Yousuph, Muniz, Fontana, Brown, Rodriguez (Hosseini 73).

STODDART SHINES

IN HEAVY and cold conditions at Marco Polo Oval, Blacktown City overcame a belated late rally from Inter-Monaro to run out winners 2-1.

The conditions didn't allow for calm and constructive Soccer. Blacktown were the more workmanlike side in the first half and with this effort came two goals.

In the 20th minute Davies put the home team ahead with a well taken goal. Minutes later Monaro almost scored following a goalmouth melee but their attempt hit the post.

McLaughlin scored Blacktown's second goal in the 27th minute and at that stage Monaro looked like falling further behind. The second half proved to be a different story.

Monaro applied a barrage of pressure against the Demons. The Blacktown defence was equal to the task. . . bar the goal the home team scored through substitute Monterosso with only a minute remaining.

For Blacktown the back four of Brogan, Rasmussen, Wheatley and Turnbull were impregnable and Stoddart dominated proceedings in the mid-field. For the home team Willox, Santolin and Hocking stood out.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovich, Leith, Santolin, Francis, Willox, MacLeod (Monterosso 65), Lawler, Godzik, Arquero, Colbertaldo.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Brogan, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Turnbull, Selvage, Davies, Stoddart, Walker, McLaughlin, Larkin.

GOALS: Blacktown City (Davies 20, McLaughlin 27), Inter-Monaro (Monterosso 89).



Action from last Sunday's Avala and Ku-Ring-Gai match.
Photo by Roger Jellings.

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Melita Eagles v Polonia Melita Stadium
Croatia Sydney v S.S.C. Yugal King Tomislav Park
Sutherland Shire v Cant M'ville Oly Seymour Shaw Park
Bankstown v Auburn Soccer Centre
Blacktown City v Ku Ring Gai Gabbie Stadium
Manly Warringah v Inter-Monaro Cromer Park

DIVISION 2 Sunday, September 18

North Bankstown v Dee Why Potts Park
Penrith United v Blacktown United Cook Park
Gladesville Ravens v Fairy Meadow Peel Park
Parramatta City v Belmore Garside Park
Wollongong Utd v Revesby Workers Berkeley Spts Grd
Rockdale v Uni of NSW St George Stadium
Warringah N'been v Artarmon Narrabeen Fitness Camp

CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDER?

NEXT SUNDAY Croatia face Yugal at King Tomislav Park in what is being billed as the Championship decider. Croatia must win or draw this game to be sure of the title from Melita.

Yugal have the added incentive to win this match because they are the only side to beat Croatia this year. That day Yugal overcame the mighty Croatia 1-0 at Fraser Park.

Yugal player-coach Tom Mihaljovic is confident of his team's chances.

He said: "We have nothing to lose and the pressure is on Croatia to

win this game and the Championship. Yugal want to repeat the successful first round effort and finish the season on a winning note.

"We have no injury problems and are at full strength," Mihaljovic added.

On the other hand Croatia are brimming with confidence and have no injury problems in their side following the one week lay-off. Joseph

Kuze, coach of the side, is quietly positive about his team's chances.

"We are in an excellent situation with no injuries. We hope to celebrate after the game with a victory and the Championship," he said.

"We must not take Yugal lightly. They have a solid defensive pair in McIntosh and Clarke, good midfield and dangerous forward line," Kuze concluded.

No doubt this match will be a crowd pleaser but Croatia have the advantage of playing at home and should run out comfortable winners.

FAIRY MEADOW TON-UP TEAM

BY PHIL MURPHY

PROMISING young Fairy Meadow striker Robert Brilliante has created a unique record in the club's Under 18 side this season.

Apart from being leading goalscorer, he scored their 100th goal of the season when he netted with a penalty in the 6-0 win over Belmore.

It was the sixth goal of the game that brought up the century and Belmore players couldn't work out why such a big roar went up from the home supporters.

To them, it was just another goal but to Fairy Meadow it meant a lot more.

It is unusual, to say the least, that any team in the Federation should score 100 goals in a season but Fairy Meadow still have two games to play.

Strangely the Under 18 team scored their first goal of the year from penalty spot and it was Brilliante who was on target.

TARRAWANNA won the Bampton Cup final 1-0 against more fancied

Warilla Wanderers but within 24 hours they thought they had lost it.

They took the trophy to Balgownie Hotel for their celebration on the Saturday evening and the following morning it was reported missing.

Messages were sent out over Radio 2WL in a bid to recover it but the players didn't have a Cup to drink from during their day-long celebration on Sunday.

"Things were a bit blurred on Saturday night after our win and no-one could remember what happened to the Cup," spokesman Ross Emerton said.

"We thought we had lost it or someone had stolen it but it was finally located late on Sunday."

Steve Tomlinson, who scored the winning goal in extra time, picked it up before going home on the Saturday and forgot to tell anyone.

He heard the radio announcement and the

trophy was back on show at the hotel.

In the Youth Cup Final, Corrimal beat West-Figtree 2-0 getting both their goals in the first half.

WOLLONGONG UNITED coach Larry Ashbolt is disappointed that his team has missed out on the second division semi-finals this season but says Zivko Hristovski certainly can't shoulder the blame.

Hristovski went to United from Wollongong City this season and has proved a real utility success story.

The started off in midfield where he did a good job but then reverted to full-back when Peter Tripp returned to England suddenly.

When Ashbolt needed a striker desperately it was Hristovski who moved forward and scored both goals in the 2-0 win over Parramatta.

"Zivko has been a really valuable player to me this season and his ability to play just about anywhere makes me wonder why he was allowed to leave Wol-

longong City in the first place," Ashbolt said.

A CURRENT Premier League coach and a player in the Wollongong City first team are among candidates for the Aris coaching position next season.

Aris finished fourth in the Illawarra first division but are applying for a place in the Premier League.

They have the use of Kelly Park again next season and certainly have strong financial backing from the Greek community.

They used three coaches this season and suffered their share of turmoil but with three of four new players they could form the basis of a strong Premier League outfit.

Nominations for 1984 close with the ISA on October 31 and the teams to make up the new League will be announced at the AGM on November 20.

ILLAWARRA Soccer officials will provide a Rugby League flavour to their grand final promotions this season.

They have secured the Parramatta Gowgirls to entertain the crowd at Memorial Park on September 24.

The girls are a very professional outfit, always in demand to perform at grand finals in all codes of football.



BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS



JOHN LARKIN, an up and coming striker at Blacktown City, is one example of the club's successful youth development programme.

Born in April 1963, John has been playing for Blacktown City since the age of 15. He started his playing career with Pendle Hill as an U/8 player and concluded his association with the club six years later.

During his last two years at Pendle Hill he

was also selected in the Granville representative side during 1975 and 1976. John played with Marconi in the Youth League competition in 1977 and transferred the following year to Blacktown where he has stayed ever since.

In 1980 he was graded to the third grade side at Blacktown and during this season one of his greatest ambitions was achieved.

"I went to England for a holiday. Since I was going to stay in Derby I sent them a letter asking if there could be a chance for me to trial."

"I spent three months with Derby County and they wanted me to stay on. I wanted to stay but financial problems led to the downfall in the end," Larkin said.

In 1981 Blacktown City gained admission into the National League and John was selected in the Youth league side. Last season he gained selection into the first grade squad but spent most of the season in the second grade line-up.

In his last three outings for the club John has scored two goals playing in the central striking position. Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin feels that he can handle this position better than on the wing.

"John has quick and close ball control. He screens the ball well and in a one-on-one situation is very dangerous. As a striking prospect at this stage he is the best in the club."

"At the moment all he needs to develop is experience and that will obviously come with time. He is a good learner who understands and carries out instructions with a minimum of fuss," Casey concluded.

John feels that a Soccer career should involve one step at a time.

"Firstly I would like to consolidate my spot with Blacktown at the moment and like most players reach higher representative honours."

"Eventually I would love to become a full-time professional overseas. The idea of being involved in Soccer on a full-time basis would suit me greatly," Larkin said.

John is very impressed with the feeling, atmosphere and future of the Blacktown City club.

"It's a great club to play for. The atmosphere and team spirit has been at fever pitch throughout the season. With the new competition next year I hope we can reach a high spot in the ladder in our first year back."

On the subject of major influences throughout his career John put forward a couple of surprise choices.

"Zico and George Best are my two biggest influences in terms of Soccer players. I have quite a few video tapes of both players which I refer to quite regularly."

"My parents have always stood by me and this season Casey De Bruin has displayed faith in me by creating the opportunity to play in the first grade side," Larkin said.



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STRIKE IT RICH

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

THE NSW State League is lucky to be gifted with both experienced and potential young strikers. When comparing the record of leading goalscorers in the State League as against the figures in the National League, there is a marked difference.

In 132 NSW State League games played this season, 432 goals have been scored at an average of 3.27 goals per game. In the National League 482 goals have been scored in 185 games, making the average 2.61 goals per game.

The leading goalscorers in the National League, Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic) and John Bradley (Leichhardt), have each scored 11 goals. Currently in the State League six players have equalled, or scored more than, this figure.

The leaders are:—

Graham Arnold (Croatia) 18, Nick Theodorakopoulos (Cant-M'ville) 17, Terry Smith (Manly) 16, Clive Eaton (Ku-Ring-Gai) 15, John McKie (Melita) 14, Alan Reis (Inter-Monaro) 12 and Michael McLaughlin (Blacktown) 11.

Signed from Cant-M'ville by Croatia after the second round, Graham Arnold has proved a valuable asset to the Croatia team.

His skill in the air, speed off the mark and powerful shot are the main reasons for his being leading goalscorer this year. Don't forget



Shane Clinch: on the way back?

the finals and semi-finals.

At Melita John McKie leads the club tally in first grade with 14 goals.

John's main attribute is his deadly finishing ability inside the penalty area. In a first grade game against Croatia earlier in the season, John looked like setting the match on fire before he was replaced following a serious injury in the 15th minute.

Not to be outdone young Wayne Farnsworth improves with every game in first grade. On the ball, Wayne is one of the most dynamic players to watch. He has a knack for goals, speed of the mark and a deadly finish.

Blacktown City have a fine crop of young strikers in harvest. The most experienced of these is

Michael McLaughlin.

Signed by the club at the beginning of the season from the AIS, Michael has proved a big hit with 11 goals to his credit.

John Larkin and Neal Pearson are two players promoted to first grade following serious injuries to Paul Kirwan and Barry Walker.

These two players are capable replacements and can look forward to continued success.

Manly have a trio of experienced strikers. Rob Stuart, operating on the right flank, has provided many problems for opposing teams. His natural speed, ball skills and timing of passes are his main attributes.

Terry Smith has proved a danger to all defences

inside the penalty area. This year Terry has scored 16 goals and his record speaks for itself.

Operating on the left side Peter Falconer has been a fine servant of the Seaside. One of the most under-rated players in the competition.

Clive Eaton, experienced first grade striker with Ku-Ring-Gai, always knows how to find the goal target. This year Clive has scored 15 goals.

Nick Theodorakopoulos, the young forward from Canterbury, has surprised a lot of critics with his goalscoring feats this year. Amongst his performances Nick has accumulated three hat-tricks... two against Ku-Ring-Gai and one against Inter-Monaro. No doubt a player to watch for in the future.

Sutherland's danger men, when in form, are Peter Beggs and Shane Clinch. This year Peter resigned with the club following a stint in the Illawarra region. Since his comeback, Peter has provided that extra bit of thrust up front for the Sharks.

Disappointingly for Sutherland, Shane hasn't reproduced the scintillating form he showed last year but in the Sharks first round game against Melita he proved he will be a valuable asset to Sutherland with a powerhouse display of attack-



Graham Arnold: will he be leading goalscorer again this year?

ing Soccer.

Inter-Monaro has an outstanding prospect under their belt during the first round of the competition. Alan Reis was goalscoring leader throughout the first round before his transfer to Hong Kong-midway through the season.

His biggest asset is his

speed of the mark and confident finishing proved invaluable to Inter-Monaro's campaign earlier in the season. Bernie Godzik is another player at Monaro who shows flashes of brilliance on the ball.

Add to the already mentioned names Henry Hosseini, Glen Fontana (Ava-

la), Hector Martinez, Ray Carney (Auburn), Stan Tanoski (Yugal), Dave Thomas, Henry Sobczyk (Polonia), Mark Radman (Croatia) and Steve Blackburn (Bankstown). There you have a blend of youth and experienced strikers who will establish themselves in upcoming seasons.

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NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIV I II III

Polonia v S'land Shire 0-2 0-40-11
Int Monaro v B'town City 1-2 1-4
Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala 3-0 2-1
Bankstown v Ku-Ring-Gai 2-3

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIV

Revesby W'rk v W'gong Utd 0-1 8-0 2-4
W'gah N'bn v Nth B'town 3-3 1-4 4-1
G'vle Ravens v Dee Why 1-1 6-0 0-1
F'ry M'dow v Penrith Utd 0-1 1-1 0-2

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIV FINALS

Queens Pk v Gladesville 0-3
C'town City v Glades Hby 2-4
Queens Pk v C'town City 1-1 (3-4p)

FINALS INTER URBAN 1ST DIV

FIRST GRADE:
Port Hacking v F'field West 0-1

SECOND GRADE:

Port Hacking v King T'slav 1-3

INTER URBAN 2ND DIV

FIRST GRADE:

C'town Gns v Eastwood 0-1

SECOND GRADE:

C'town Gns v Chelsea 0-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIV

FIRST GRADE:

H'bury Dist v M'thur Utd 1-0 (ET)

SECOND GRADE:

Robins v L'pool City 1-3

INTER URBAN 4TH DIV

FIRST GRADE:

Murray Fm v Chullora 0-1

SECOND GRADE:

Murray Fm v Rogers H'juk 2-3



INDOOR SOCCER

INDOOR Soccer has hit the national capital in a big way. Next step is Australia — then the world. And then? Recognition as a true Olympic sport.

The Olympic status is no far-fetched pipe dream — at least according to the sport's national publicity officer and secretary/treasurer of its ACT wing, YMCA official Dennis Murray.

"It is a thoroughly feasible and realistic ambition," Mr Murray said.

"As, by the way, is the comment about the next step being the world. That was not used in an exaggerated sense as we are very close to achieving it already.

"In the United States, for example, a full-time indoor pro league is in existence. The indoor game has taken off like wildfire."

Why? According to Mr Murray the answer is the American talent for promotion and marketing — and the fact that indoor Soccer is fast, exciting — eminently promotable — and can be played equally by both sexes.

"And we are getting a solid hold in Australia," he said.

To back that claim these facts emerged:

- already there are 8,000 teams in Sydney alone and 30,000 throughout Australia;
- the National Australian Indoor Soccer Federation is going from strength to strength;
- we will have three Australian teams in US indoor titles later this year;
- we are represented in all States and the ACT, organising indoor Soccer professionally and nationally.

"We have stood aside from traditional Soccer bodies deliberately," Mr Murray said.

"We don't want to get embroiled in the usual petty jealousies and we don't want indoor Soccer run just as a preparation — and a very much secondary basis — to 11-a-side outdoor Soccer.

"That's the way indoor Soccer has been run in the past, ad hoc, a social game and generally just a fun thing.

"Now it is well past that. It is being played in almost every country. The Yanks soon realised its

potential and it is off and running."

Dennis Murray, because of his organisational ability — and his presence within the YMCA and their ready venues — was approached by the Federation's National Director, Joe Brent, to get himself involved.

With David Gilbert, the ACT Association's president, they went about organising the sport properly — but still in a relatively low-key way without expensive promotional and marketing campaigns.

First registration day was a week ago when 85 teams were registered in Canberra and Queanbeyan — 48 of them senior seven-a-side teams, the remainder junior.

"We will pass 100, I'm sure of that, before the competition starts," Mr Murray said.

"My telephone has never stopped ringing.

"The response has been staggering. I've never previously been involved in Soccer but the need for this competition on an organised basis must have been there for years.

"We can play at numerous venues and even though we will have 100 or so teams in our inaugural year that is probably just the tip of the iceberg."

Kick-off is September 18 with the season concluding much later with an all division champion of champion series.

"We are also registering our own referees and once they have done the course for indoor Soccer they will be paid," Mr Murray said.

"We are sure we can get sufficient officials.

"To make sure we do well we have entered teams for the NSW title in Sydney in October and accepted the challenge of organising the 1984 Australian titles.

"These will be held at the Indoor Sports Centre, Bruce, during the Australia Day long weekend."

Murphy's telephone numbers are 498733 (work) or, at home, 813356.

BY STEVE BURNS

STH. AUSTRALIA

IT'S SALISBURY AND BEOGRAD, FOR DOUBLES

BY TOM McKAIN

TWO champions will be going for a double on Saturday when first division title-holders, Beograd take on Salisbury, winners of the second division crown, in the PGH Federation Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Beograd had to come from behind last week, for a 2-1 win over Modbury, another second division club, while Salisbury shattered Polonia's hopes with a 1-0 win.

While Beograd were favourites for the Cup before the semis kicked off, it is now anyone's Final.

Salisbury have proved

they can play with the best and while beating Polonia only by one goal, there would have been more but for some great goalkeeping by Polonia's Howie Jacques.

Beograd never looked comfortable against Modbury and coach Zoran Matić will be hoping for a return to form next weekend.

PRESS ON CANBERRA!

BY STEVE BURNS

THERE can be no doubt of the benefit of Canberra pioneering the way with its ACT Soccer Academy and deciding to have a State coach.

Results in the recent national Under-16 and Secondary School championships prove the point.

The latter Canberra won — with the added advantage of AIS players in the squad who now attend school here — and also did much better at the Under-16 level.

Solitary goal defeats against the toughest of States — like NSW and Victoria — proved it is a force to be reckoned with.

Now, of course, the executive of the ACT Soccer Federation faces the policy decision of does it continue with the innovation of the Academy being responsible for all of the State side's preparation.

This was introduced part-way through the year and appears to have been a success.

If this was decided what would happen, of course, is that when the Academy calls for nominations for places in each of its four age groups that the representative squads would automatically be chosen from these squads.

And right now each squad averages around 35 players.

It would seem an eminently logical and sensible thing to achieve.

The policy decision, however, is expected at the 1983 AGM sometime in November.



SOUTHERN TASMANIAN STATE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM. Back Row (L-R): E. Kent (First Aid), S. Kannegiesser, N. Di Martino, J. Charlton, P. Huigsloot, P. Kannegiesser, S. Craven, J. Broadhouse, J. Fletcher, D. Crosson (Coach), R. Adams (Manager). Front Row (L-R): I. Cahut, C. Nichols, R. Di Felice, I. Parker, N. Cook, P. Forster, C. Willcock, C. Hey.

IPSWICH TAKE

CUP

A SECOND half penalty from Ian Lawrie wrapped up the Queensland Ampol Cup Final for Ipswich United when they downed Premier League leaders Mount Gravatt at Perry Park last week.

Lawrie, the former Brisbane Lions National League Squad member, drove his shot powerfully past Mount Gravatt's Stuart Woodruffe for Ipswich's second goal.

Former Lions player Ron Millman had put the Coalminers ahead with a goal in the 37th minute.

It was ironic that Ipswich should wrap up the game with a penalty as it was a missed shot from the spot that cost them a chance for the cup in last year's final.

Former Brisbane City fullback Kevin Caldwell, normally a penalty expert was chosen ahead of Lawrie, the normal penalty taker, to take a spot kick late in the game when Ipswich were trailing Townsville 1-2 in last year's final.

Caldwell stubbed his toe just before the kick and bombed the shot completely.

But there were no doubts in this year's final that Ipswich were going to be the winners.

Apart from an aggressive opening spell, which saw Mount Gravatt go close on two occasions, Ipswich always had the cup in their keeping.

Both teams were hit by injuries in the week leading up to the final. Ipswich lost Jeff Dann and Nev O'Sullivan while Ron Millman played with broken ribs. Mount Gravatt were without Noel Davis and had Steve McNally and Gary Bohan not fully fit.

"They overcame their injuries better than we did ours," Mount Gravatt player coach Eric Thompson said afterwards.

Mount Gravatt, one of the leading sides in the state in recent years, always seem to have bombed the big ones and once again it appears the hoodoo hit the Hawks.

Mount Gravatt lacked their typical aggression and the defence made some glaring, uncharacteristic mistakes.

Ipswich exploited the hesitancy of the Hawks defence by playing long, sweeping balls for speedy strikers Millman and Ken Gordon.

United's first goal came from a defensive error

that allowed Ipswich full-back Dave Perrott to get to the byline and cross to the far post where the unmarked Millman simply nodded in.

The penalty, a clear-cut decision, was awarded after Chris Corcoran brought down Gordon from behind as the Ipswich striker was about to slot his shot past Woodruffe.

Mount Gravatt have been quick to put the cup defeat behind them and now are concentrating on winning the Premiership - Grand Final double.

The final round of Premiership fixtures will be played this weekend and Mount Gravatt, the Premiership favourites, have a far from easy clash against the inconsistent Acacia Ridge.

Olympic, the only other title contenders, play Taringa in their last match and despite their lowly standard, the Rovers have run into a bit of late season form and will be no pushovers.

Olympic and Mount Gravatt are far enough ahead of the pack to guarantee themselves semi-final berths but Ipswich, Lions and Thistle are still fighting for the remaining two places.

Ipswich and Lions have the advantage of playing their final game at home, United face Valley Trident and Lions take on North Star, but Thistle must travel to Heath Park to play Easts.

The remaining match this weekend is between Sunnyside and Brisbane City.

A REPEAT

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

FOR THE third year in a row, a Tasmanian State League title will be decided in the final match when the first and second placed teams meet.

This year will see a repetition of last year's deciding game between Juventus-Pioneer and Rapid-Wrest Point. Whether Rapid can repeat its 3-0 win of last season remains to be seen.

Juventus might have wrapped up the title by defeating Olympia but the Greek side triumphed 4-3 in what was undoubtedly the season's most exciting match. It was Olympia's third league win over Juventus this year.

Forster and Sherman both scored twice for Olympia while Pace, Cochran and Di Felice were the Juventus scorers. Sherman's first goal came from the type of free kick that has become his trademark. It was an absolute bullet and gave goalkeeper Craven no chance whatsoever.

Rapid brought back former top scorer Don Farmery in an attempt to add some bite to the attack. He didn't let the team down. Farmery hadn't played for four years but it was his header which put Rapid into the lead against White Eagles after 37 minutes. Farmery's last out-

ing was in 1979 when he helped Rapid to the State League championship and he might be the key player in next week's vital clash.

Lawler equalised for Eagles in the 86th minute but Thompson headed the winner for Rapid with two minutes remaining.

Caledonians' Ian Parker leapt one goal clear of Perry Forster in the goal-scoring contest with a hat-trick against Metro-Claremont. It didn't help Calies, however, as they went down 5-3, John McIntyre getting a hat-trick for Metro.

Peter Crowther of University gave a brilliant performance to inspire his team to a 2-1 win over Croatia-Glenorchy. Crowther masterminded most of University's attacks, making the opening goal for Shearman and scoring the second himself. University had many more chances and, but for some fine saves by Steven Smith, might easily have won by at least four or five goals.

DETAILS: Caledonians 3 Metro 5, Olympia 4 Juventus 1, Rapid 2 White Eagles 1, University 2 Croatia 1.

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	14	1	5	51	22	29
Rapid	20	13	3	4	35	22	29
Olympia	20	10	6	4	51	31	26
Croatia	20	10	3	7	40	34	23
Caledonians	20	6	5	9	38	36	17
Metro	20	5	6	9	29	36	16
University	20	8	0	12	30	55	16
White Eagles	20	2	0	18	21	59	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

- 18 Ian Parker (Caledonians)
- 17 Perry Forster (Olympia)
- 15 Bruce Ward (Juventus)
- 14 Peter Sherman (Olympia)
- 11 Craig Nichols (Olympia), John Broadhouse (Juventus)
- 10 Mark Oakes (Croatia)
- 9 Ronnie Di Felice (Juventus)

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GOLD IN 'GONG!

THE ILLAWARRA under 13 team is proving to be the best junior side produced in the district and that's quite a reputation to live up to.

Illawarra has been a goldmine for junior talent over the years but no team has shown so much potential. Coach Brian Bott says their potential is unlimited.

Bott said the squad of 14 players have shown the right attitude towards the game in addition to their ability on the field.

"They said at the start of the season they wanted to work hard and get results and they have certainly done that," Bott said.

The Illawarra team won the Mini Ampol Cup, becoming only the second Illawarra team to take the trophy, and also took out the NSW youth competition over 21 games.

For good measure they finished the season with a win at the State championships at Cromer Park.

In the championships Illawarra won their five games, scoring 20 goals to three and beat Sydney Olympic 3-1 in the final.

The boys showed a lot of skill in these games despite having had an arduous season, having to play as many as three games some weekends.

Over the season on youth team games they lost only two and in the 21 matches scored 35 goals

and conceded just three.

They really fired in the final to trounce the strong Marconi combination 4-0, taking their tally in that competition to 81.

In the Mini Ampol Cup, Illawarra beat St George 2-0, emulating the feat of the Illawarra team of 1970.

Striker Mineo Boniteg

scored most of the team's goals and he was one of four boys from the team selected in the NSW side for the Australian titles. The others are Ian Padewski, Simon Hull and Jamie Warren.

Other squad members are Peter Bott, Shane Hawken, Robbie Perri, Jeffrey Allport, Chris

Cortin, Michael Delben, Mark Troth, Jason Higgs, Shaun Beattie and Geoffrey Glasson.

If Illawarra Soccer appears to be in a bad way at present the success of the Illawarra junior teams this season is certainly heartening for the future. Illawarra's under 12 team also had a big year, winning their State championships at Griffith.

Now funnelling directly towards the Wollongong City senior club, the under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams are all packed with talent. With the success of this youth policy Wollongong Soccer must improve in leaps and bounds in the next few years.

SUNNY SIDE UP



NSW U14 will be playing in the Australian Championships in Brisbane from September 25/October 1. Here is the squad, by courtesy of ASW and Admiral sports gear. Obviously the management of the NSW U14 team is serious about their task in Brisbane. From left, coach Vince Balson, manager George Churchward and trainer Frank Wilson.

VIC DALGLEISH FOR U16 'ROOS

VIC DALGLEISH has been chosen as Australia's U16 coach for the Oceania tournament in Auckland during early December.

He goes to Brisbane on September 24 to look for the most eligible players in the Australian under 14 championships.

A squad of 30 players are needed for trials. Already 16 have been selected from the U15 National Championships.

All players have to be born after August 1, 1968. Their big chance to show their wares will be in a camp to be organised in late October.

This ambitious project will bring costs to parents. National Junior Council secretary Rod Wood said that he hopes that clubs and associations will get behind their players to assist them to raise the money needed.

Competing in Auckland will be New Zealand, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, China-Taipei, Tahiti, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Australia.

The Oceania U16 Cup is to be conducted every two years in future. It is to link in with the proposed World U16 Cup.

However it is highly unlikely that the 1983 series players will have World U16 Cup involvements.

ASF Executive Director Brian Emery said: "The matter of the U16 championship is on the FIFA agenda for the Congress in May 1984."

"If FIFA decides to proceed there is obviously no time to start in 1984. It could however be 1985."

FIFA incidentally is also looking at the possibility of women's and indoor world championships.

Entry to the U16 World Cup when it comes will be by invitation for the first tournament. So there is no saying that Australia for example would be chosen to participate ahead of New Zealand, or vice versa.

Asia, Europe and South America have set up U16 Confederation Champion-

ships and now Oceania will be in the race as well.

The 16 triallists to date are:

ACT: G. Cerro, M. Simons; NORTHERN NSW: M. Nicholson, P. Downey, C. Turner, F.D. 'Acciane'; NSW: K. Warren, A. George; QUEENSLAND: A. Catalano, A. McFarlane, D. Dawes; W AUSTRALIA: J. Thwin; S AUSTRALIA: M. Abraham, C. Pazios; VICTORIA: C. Nobile.

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DIVE, DIVE!

A Blacktown Super-kids training session. Turning the ball around the post on the dive. (Right) Going down with the body behind the ball.





RIVERINA CHAMPS

THE Henwood Park, Wagga Wagga reserve grade team, made up of mainly 16 year-old players, has won the minor premiership of the Northern Riverina Soccer League.

In competition with older and more experienced

opponents the team only lost one and drew one of their 18 matches.

They were not given very good odds of success at the start of the season, but enthusiasm and good coaching brought due reward.

Minus three older players, the Henwood Park

played against the touring New Zealand U17 college team during the September school holidays.

Three players represented Riverina in the NSW inter-regional Secondary Schools Championships in Sydney last June.

The boys are: (Back): J. Tickner, J. Black, J. Anderson, A. Ackerman (coach), K. Barlin, G. Gabriel, A. Newland, P. Randel. (Front): W. Verdon, A. Bowen, M. Pullen, D. Bowen, J. Kalt, M. Donebus.

CUTE, BUT SKILFUL



GEORGES Hall Giants U7-2 in the Bankstown United Association were undefeated minor premiers with 29 goals for and one against in 14 premiership games. They also won the President Cup. Back Row: (L to R): D. Matheson, M. Reid, S. Antonis, W. Bale and M. Richards. Front Row: V. Damiano, A. Brown, R. Irving, D. Smith, N. Brien and A. Jensen. Absent: Richard Varga.

Coming up from U6-3 to go through the season conceding only one goal is a fine effort. Their positional play was outstanding for this age group and the skills they are developing shows the true potential these boys have of becoming our future Soccerroos. Their coach (Karen Boscheinen) enhanced the boys efforts during training and in their game showing that ladies do have a lot to contribute to Soccer in this country.

TASSIE YOUTH STRIKER A SENSATION

TASMANIAN striker Alex Leszczynski proved to be the sensation of the Australian Secondary Schools titles held at Spencer Park in Brisbane recently.

Although the youngsters' team finished well down the table, Leszczynski, of Polish parentage, turned in an outstanding display and was awarded the player of the carnival.

But more importantly for his future he quickly gained the attention of Brisbane City coach, Jim Hermiston, who watched several days of the week-long championships.

New South Wales played by far the best football of the tournament but were beaten in the final by the Australian Capital Territory.

ACT, with young Soccerroo Chris Hummel in goals, beat NSW 2-1 after losing a final round match 0-3 to the Blues earlier in the day.

An Australian squad was selected after the championships and played the Australian Institute of Sport team in a curtain-raiser to the National League match between Brisbane City and Footscray.

NSW striker Ali Reda, from Kogarah High, scored the schoolboys only

goal from the penalty spot, as they were beaten 3-1 by the AIS.

WOLF CUBS RUN SECOND

THE 1983 season has proved tremendously successful for the Illawarra-Wollongong City U15 Youth team.

They started by winning their Group in the highly-rated NSW Youth League, but in the final they went down 0-3 to a fine Marconi team.

Illawarra could have been well in the event when Rodney Williams took a penalty. The shot could well have gone in but opposing keeper Joe Micaleff dived brilliantly to hold it.

The team (pictured) are: Back Row: Tom Krkouski, Robert Hocking, Chris Peros, Paul Ainger, Phillip Gain, Scott Simpson, Dawson Brown (coach). Middle Row: Jeffrey Stiff, Luigi Belsito, Rodney Williams, John Cairney, Robert Bemmi. Front Row: Peter McGarry (ball boy), Paul McGarry, John Brown (captain), Michael Newlyn. Those not in the photo are: Mr Fergus McGarry (manager), Robert Bratjanscat.



KIWIS WANT MORE

NEW ZEALAND U15 coach Doug Moore is keen to see more junior internationals played between New Zealand and Australia.

After the U15 series he said: "I am working hard to raise the technical level of the young Kiwi players.

"We can produce hard-working, disciplined players of good athletic ability.

"It is very doubtful whether there will be any with Brazilian skills amongst them, so I must be realistic.

"I have seen players with some of these attributes amongst your youngsters of European and South American extraction.

"More clashes between Australia and New Zealand must be very beneficial."

Moore tried hard to become a full professional with Aston Villa, Wolves and then Walsall before turning to coaching and obtain top English qualifications.

He has had seven years in the field in New Zealand. Coming from a football family, his father Bill Moore in his day managed Wolves, Aston Villa and Notts County.

NZFA Junior Council chairman Ray Harris allowed that the Australian youngsters had shown

themselves technically superior over the tournament in which New Zealand competed.

"We have no government funding, so costs of preparing our junior teams have to be spread around," he said.

"We control kiddies up to U16, after which they are all under the banner of the NZFA.

"What money that does come in from the government does not go to our 60,000 players, but to the NZFA.

"The tour cost \$17,500, and there was a lot of expense involved in the preliminary matches and the camps.

"Our biggest Soccer centre is certainly Auckland, where 25,000 youngsters play and all the people behind them are extremely enthusiastic."



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Flashback: Ali Reda proudly holds aloft the Commonwealth Bank Cup after his school side Kogarah defeated Kadinna 1-0 to win the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Final. Despite NSW losing the Schoolboy final, Ali won selection to the Australian Schoolboy side and scored a consolation goal in their 3-1 loss to the AIS.



AUBURN BOYS

AUBURN U13 has planned a trip to the UK next January.

To wish the boys well in their football and fund-raising we will feature a couple of them regularly in our columns.



CRAIG KORKMANN
CLUBS: Bass Hill, North Bankstown, Chullora.
POSITION: Right-Fullback.
RECORD: Bass Hill — premiers 1 year, Nth Bankstown — premiers 2 years, Chullora — 3rd.
AMBITION: To play NSL.
TOUR: To watch a 1st Division match.
ENJOYMENT: To save goals.
STRENGTH: Tackling.
WEAKNESS: Speed off the mark.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Jimmy Patikas.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Kenny Dalglish.
OTHER SPORTS: BMX and Roller Skating.
COACH'S COMMENT: Definite improver who tries hard.



FABRICIO ALEX CAROCCA
CLUBS: Fairfield Athletics, Melita Eagles.
POSITIONS: Left-Half, Left Fullback.
RECORD: Fairfield — Runners-up & Melita — only 1/2 season.
AMBITION: To play in the Australian Youth Side.
TOUR: I wish to learn the skills of the English players.
ENJOYMENT: I just enjoy playing.
STRENGTH: Strong running and tackling.
WEAKNESS: Speed off the mark.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Rod Brown.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Zico.
OTHER SPORTS: Swimming.
COACH'S COMMENT: Hasn't had many chances on the field, but is very keen to learn and trains well.



MARCONI DOMINATES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCONI Soccer Club ran out winners in both the Under 16 and 15 NSW State Championships, played at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

The U16 team scored 28 goals without conceding any and proved a great credit to coach Stan Gabriel.

Sydney Olympic was expected to provide strong opposition but Marconi ran out clear 3-0 winners after steam rolling their other opponents.

Their results were: v Riverina 3-0, v Southern NSW 9-0, v Southern Districts 6-0, v Western NSW 7-0.

Over the series the Marconi scorers were: Ricky Monsalve 7, Mickey Bratkovic 5, George McCulloch 4, John Veneri 3, Rafe Marco 3, James Psaras 3, Dragan Pupovac 1, Zlatko Markovski 1, Kevin Black 1.

This is their first State win and twice they have taken out the Metropolitan championship.

The Marconi U15s, under coach Alfredo Moschen, scored 18 goals and conceded only two to win their grade.

The club has had other junior successes.

The U11 boys under coach Klaus Ckon won the Southern Districts minor and major premiership and K.O.

In U10 the team won the grand final and travels to Albury for the first Champion of Championships round.

	U16	U15
NSW Champion	Marconi	Marconi
Runner-up	Olympic	Granville
Country Champion	Western NSW	Western NSW
Country runner-up	Riverina	Riverina

After the championships NSW Amateur competition secretary Bill Cullinan said that it would prove advantageous to play U13, U14, U15 and U16 and possibly the U12 finals on one complex in 1984.

It might also be possible to play the NSW Youth League finals in the school holidays, which should result in improved attendances and junior enthusiasm.

The Gladesville-Hornsby State League Third Division Club ended the season on a confident note after running just outside the four in State League Division 3.

Campbelltown City win the Third Division First Grade final. Gladesville-Hornsby hopped in to win both the second and third grade finals to prove that the talent is here to go ahead.

MELITA COACH IMPRESSED!

RAUL BLANCO, Melita Eagles senior coach and assistant to national coach Les Scheinflug, was very impressed with the skills and Soccer knowledge of this U/11-3

team after he personally conducted a special training session the week before they convincingly won their grand final by beating Granville 2-0.

The team is coached by Lawrence Dimech, secretary of Melita Eagles, and ex-Melita player Eddie Calleja. As well as being 1983 grand champions this Greystanes side ran away with the league, finishing seven clear points in front with a goal difference of 50-8.

The top scorer of the team is Darren Fenech with 20 goals. These boys

have been together for four seasons reaching the Grand Finals three times. Pictured from left: Eddie Calleja (Trainer), Darren Cox, Darren Hogan, Mark Dimech, Fran McDonald (Manager), Robert McDonald, Glen Cummings, Scott O'Neill, Lawrence Dimech (Coach). Squatting are Mark Readon, Lee Pascoe, Brett Hammond, Paul Brewster, John Borg, Simon Talbet, Darren Fenech.

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



PEP TALKS



Canterbury Director of Coaching John Tscheppera makes a few points to his U14 players in the NSW Youth League final at Marconi Stadium. The boys went down 4-2 in extra time after a valiant effort.

MANCHESTER UNITED SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

THE Dunlop/Star Soccer Camps soccer scholarship to Manchester United, England was awarded to 15 year old Fabian Sacilotto from Penshurst.

This scholarship will allow Fabian to join the Manchester United Apprentices in November for a period of four weeks.

Fabian was competing for this scholarship with eighteen other boys who formed the Star Soccer Camps 1983 Super Squad!

This scholarship has been an annual event for the past three years. Past winners have been Paul Arthur, 17, from Sutherland (currently playing 3rd grade with Sutherland) and Alex Bundalo, 17, from Wollongong (currently playing 1st grade with Fairymeadow United).

Fabian has regularly attended the Star Soccer Camps since their inception in 1980 showing exceptional development skills and techniques under the coaching direction of John Doyle. This year he played with the Sydney City Under 16 Youth League and is currently in a train-on squad with the Sydney City senior sides under the direction of Eddie Thomson and Lubo Goykovic.

He will leave for England in the first week of November where he will train under the watchful eye of Ron Atkinson as an apprentice Manchester United player.

Fabian has already shown he has great potential and when exposed to the professionalism of English playing and coaching will have a great opportunity to further develop the skills required to reach the top.

N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION STATE LEAGUE ... DIVISION III

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Applications are now invited for coaches for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades, and the Youth League Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, for the 1984 Season.

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W. GERMANY		
Brunswick	B Munich	1:2
O'bach	E Furt	2:1
F. D'dorf	Hamburg	2:3
Bielefeld	K'lauren	3:2
Uerdingen	Stuttgart	3:2

Bochum	B. M'bach	0:4
Mannheim	Cologne	2:2
W. Bremen	Nuremberg	2:0
FRANCE		
Auxerre	S Etienne	1:0
Bastia	Toulon	1:0

Bordeaux	Rouen	3:1
Lille	Metz	2:0
Nancy	T'house	2:0
Nimes	Laval	3:0
Paris SG	Monaco	0:1
Rennes	Brest	1:1

Sochaux	Nantes	0:1
S'bourg	Lens	2:1
GREECE		
Aigaleo	Iraklis	0:1
Aris	P'raikos	4:1
Doxa	Apollon	2:2
Ethnikos	K'maria	2:1
Larisa	O'piakos	1:0
Ofi	P'naikos	0:2
Paok	Aek	1:0

SPAIN		
Betis	Espanol	4:1
Malaga	R Madrid	6:2
Valencia	V'dolid	3:2
Sociedad	Sporting	3:0
Cadiz	Murcia	1:3
Zaragoza	Bilbao	1:2
Salamanca	Mallorca	1:1
Barcelona	Osasuna	1:0
At Madrid	Sevilla	1:0
ITALY		
Avellino	Ac Milan	4:0

Catania	Torino	0:0
F'tina	Napoli	5:1
Genoa	Udinese	0:5
Inter	S'doria	1:2
J'tus	Ascoli	7:0
Roma	Pisa	2:0
Verona	Lazio	4:2
YUGOSLAVIA		
Vinkovci	V Mostar	1:0
Rad Nis	Red Star	1:0
Sl Tuzla	Osijek	2:0
Z'car 'jevo	Ce Zenica	1:1

Buducnost	Sarajevo	1:1
Pristina	V'dina NS	1:0
Rijeka	Di Zagreb	2:0
Partizan	Ol L'jana	2:2
Hajduk	Vardar	2:0
HUNGARY		
Mtk Vm	Videoton	1:3
Z'szeg	Csepe	1:0
Vasas	F'varos	4:2
Uj Dozsa	Honved	2:2
Szeol	T'banya	0:2
Haladas	Diosgyor	1:0

Raba Eto	Pecs Msc	3:1
Volan	N'gyhaza	1:1
HOLLAND		
Willem	Roda Jc	1:2
Pec Zwol	Psv	1:3
Hel Spo	Go Ahead	0:1
Ds'79	Sp R'dam	1:4
Utrecht	E'sior	7:4
Volendam	Az'67	4:0
Feyenoord	Groningen	2:0
Den Bosch	Haarlem	0:2
F Sittard	Ajax	1:2

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cent, megastructures, that rise high and bite into the skyline, with a service nothing short of superb.

In the evening, all team-officials meet for the official welcoming by Hawaii's highly professional promoter and chief administrator, Dennis Minga, Managing Director of Royal Hawaiian World Sports. At this meeting, all the rules and regulations of the Tournaments are fully explained to the participating squads.

DAY TWO: There is the official opening ceremony on the site of where the Tournaments are played.

The venue of the matches is Kapiolani Park, wedged in between the lovely beach at Waikiki and the base of the world famous, dormant volcano, Diamond Head.

DAYS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE, the eliminations and semi-finals are played every morning and afternoon, culminating to the Final which is staged at the magnificent Aloha Stadium, with a crowd capacity of 54,000.

Just to see the Aloha Stadium itself, is an experience.

It has an astra-turfed surface, with a gigantic electronic scoreboard with super-deluxe air-conditioned Press



A scene from the spectacular Hawaiian Luau. From left, FIFA referee, Mr John Davies, Australian Soccer Weekly's man on the scene, John Economos, with the President and Vice President of Royal Hawaiian World Sports, Mr and Mrs Robert Gibson.

facilities, and would you believe, giant moveable grandstands.

Night life you may ask?

Well Waikiki is not your Kings Cross or St Kilda. It's just an incredibly different world with literally hundreds of bars, discos, restaurants and clubs.

The teams are all taken to a beautiful, romantic, Hawaiian Luau on a private beach, where unlimited food and drinks are served, whilst the tourists are entertained by lovely Hawaiian dancers.

The entire week's events climaxes on the Saturday night with a

lavish banquet at the Hawaiian Hilton, where trophies are presented. To cement in everyone's memory for life, a spectacular sequence of coloured slides are screened to most moving, emotional background music, that captures scenes from the whole week's Tournament.

Last year, the Hawaiian Soccer Masters Crown, was won by local team, Laguna when they defeated Canadian side, Langley in a "sudden death" series of penalties.

In 1981, an Australian team, (Sydney University) contested the Masters Crown and made it to the final, but were beaten 1 nil.

Will 1984 again see an Australian team get into the Final?

All enquiries to be directed to Mr John Lane, Stephens Sport Travel, telephone 02-2313833. ALOHA!!!!

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

ST GEORGE and NEWCASTLE appear to have consolidated their positions in the National Youth League "Top Four," the Saints downing wooden spooners Wollongong Wolves by 3-1 at St George Stadium, whilst at Adamstown Oval, Newcastle defeated Olympic in a close game 2-1.

With three games each still to play, AIS and Olympic are level on points, but the Institute's victory over Marconi 2-1 at Fairfield on Sunday has given them an advantage on goal difference of one goal.

At Adamstown Oval on Saturday, Newcastle won their vital top four clash with a never say die Olympic side by 2-1. Newcastle had the better of the first half and led 1-0 at the break through a Tony CABAN goal, with only a couple of half chances going Olympic's way.

The second half was a different story with Olympic applying the pressure on the Newcastle goal for the first 15 minutes and they were rewarded with a goal by Ar-

thur SVINOS. Play remained even for the remainder of the half, the only difference between the sides being a great individual goal by Tony CABAN in the 69th minute to clinch it for Newcastle.

At St George Stadium, Saints ended up comfortable winners 3-1 over wooden spooners Wollongong Wolves, although they did not have things all their own way until late in the game. Both sides had a number of scoring chances in the first half, but poor finishing generally and windy conditions combined to restrict the scoring to one goal by John MUSKOVITS in the 24th minute.

Within a few minutes of the start of the second

half Warren BAKER levelled the scores with a well placed shot. This spurred the Wolves and they took control of the game for a 15 minute period and applied a lot of pressure on the Saints defence. But the goal came at the other end when Vince COLLAGUIRI headed home from close range following a free kick. John MUSKOVITS put the result beyond doubt in the 89th minute to make it 3-1.

At Marconi Stadium the Fairfielders lost their outside chance of making the final four when they went down to the Australian Institute of Sport side

2-1, allowing AIS to creep into the final four on goal difference ahead of Olympic.

AIS were in control for practically the entire game but once again failed to turn that domination into goals. Glen CAMERON was their saviour grabbing two goals, one in each half, and generally causing the Marconi defence problems whenever he became involved. Carlos LOGIUDICE, who came on as a substitute in the second half, notched Marconi's consolation goal in the 85th minute when Tony FRANKEN failed to hold his shot from the edge of the box.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	22	15	4	3	56	26	49
St George	21	12	2	7	40	30	38
Newcastle	22	11	3	8	36	29	36
AIS	21	9	6	6	29	22	33
Olympic	21	10	3	8	37	31	33
Canberra	23	9	2	12	31	37	29
Marconi	23	7	7	9	33	30	28
Leichhardt	21	4	5	12	24	47	17
Wollongong	22	2	6	14	19	53	12

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

INSULTED

ON Saturday, September 3 it was my misfortune to elect to go to Sydney as a supporter of Newcastle KB United to watch their match against Sydney Olympic, a match incidentally which but for the extreme weakness of the officials of the National Soccer League, should never have needed to be played.

I certainly did not go to the match to be grossly insulted by the officials of Sydney Olympic on two counts.

Firstly announcements made on the PA system in Greek is hardly the way to ease any difficulty that SOME Australians find in accepting immigrants who make little effort to integrate with the community.

Admittedly, some of these announcements were translated, but not all.

Anybody with any manners at all knows it is rude, to say the least, to talk in company in a way that not all can understand.

Secondly, this is Australia and surely the least

we can ask is that our National Anthem be played before the start of the Soccer game as at all KB home games.

Further, regarding Mr Schaefer's remarks re KB's position on the table. He must be an extremely slow learner if he does not yet know that it is goals on the board that count, not a lot of talk.

A lot of NSL clubs would be better off if their coaches were left to do their job and not be hassled by a bunch of rat bags talking through their pockets.

A. Alder, Cardiff, 2285.

APPOINT A DIRECTOR, NOW

I SPENT several pleasant days last week watching the National Under 15 championships, giving moral support to my home State.

However, I came away disappointed at the performance of the NSW team and can't help wondering why we in this State are so far behind the rest of Australia with junior coaching program-

mes. Three wins in seven games is hardly what would be expected of the State with the largest number of players from which to select.

It is obvious from the results that the less populous States are far more organised. Queensland, who won the title, have four full time Coaching Directors. Victoria, who were runners-up, have one full time Director of Coaching. Third placed South Australia have a Coaching Academy where the State teams are regularly given intensive coaching, as do the ACT.

In NSW we have no full time Coaching Director to co-ordinate any sort of policy.

It is very evident that we have an ad hoc approach and attempt to pick winners for short term glory instead of trying to produce quality players. If we attain the latter victories will follow. How long will it take our Amateur Officials to wake up to this fact and get a co-ordinated long term plan into action.

I believe some of the State Coaches have only a preliminary coaching badge. Surely our best young players deserve the very best coaches and not those who are being rewarded for services rendered.

Watching the NSW Under 15's it became apparent that there was no plan of attack, no build up from the back and a lack

of percentage football in general. We relied too much on the long ball but lacked the fast strikers to play this style of football.

The short term preparation of all our State teams, from Under 13 to Under 18 is just not working. Our Under 18's and Under 16's have both been soundly beaten already this year. Some of the other more enlightened States took players eligible for the Under 16 age group to the Under 18 titles with a view to giving them experience for future years. We in NSW are apparently attempting to select a team to achieve instant results. If this does not eventuate we appoint the same coach, replace a few players and try again for that elusive win. In most cases the skills of these boys have not improved, they are the same players but simply bigger and older.

I was also advised that our selection methods need reviewing as several of our "name" players were either not available or ineligible for various reasons, mainly political. Perhaps trials for State teams should be advertised and open to all players to try out regardless of which competition they play in, so long as they fulfil the age requirement.

Until we in NSW appoint a Director of Coaching to plan and co-ordinate the selection and training of State teams this current state of af-

fairs will exist.

Surely the boys deserve better, as we certainly have the talent.

J. Taylor, Beacon Hill, 2100.

OMISSION

AS A regular reader of ASW I look forward to your informative articles and game reviews each week.

Today (6-9-83) I read with interest your article "We grow 'em bigger and better", concerning this years NSW State League 1st Division goalkeepers.

This was quite a comprehensive article, dealing with not only senior goalkeepers, but in several cases reserve 'keepers also, for all the State League clubs — all, that is, except one.

I am at a loss to understand why in such a detailed article as this, the Inter-Monaro Club could have been completely omitted. Although not based in Sydney (in itself a decided advantage) Monaro is nevertheless a member club of the State League.

For the first half of the season, Monaro's 'keeper was Soron Curcic who transferred from Riverwood this year. In mid-season he was replaced by Michael Hocking who played last season with Canberra Arrows Youth team.

In his first six games as senior goalkeeper with Monaro, Hocking conceded only one goal, and

in fact, the club had lost only one game since Hocking's inclusion until this week's match against Melita which he missed through a leg injury.

Tony Antonello, Centennial Park, NSW. Sorry Tony, oversight.

THOSE REFS!

I had a few days due to me so I thought I would stay at Dee Why to see the Under 15s National Tournaments as advertised in Soccer Weekly.

It was more of a 3 Ring Circus event with the refs ruining match after match. NSW did not stand a chance. I felt sorry for the parents, it must have cost hundreds of dollars taking their sons training and putting them in camps for them to be robbed of the tournament.

The Queensland match ended 2-1 to Queensland. It should have been won by NSW. Queensland deliberately handled the ball in the penalty box but the ref said "play on".

This plus many dubious free kicks given against NSW.

NSW suffered several injuries. If Soccer wants spectators, something drastic has to be done with refs. They are a law unto themselves.

If senior refs who have a good knowledge of the game had a panel, coaches should be able to put their side to it. This would give a better understanding between ref and coach. When the respect is not

there, you have a problem.

Bob Angus Corrimar

NEGATIVE?

THE recent contributions from your South Coast reporter Phil Murphy and in particular his disparaging remarks concerning the Artarmon Willoughby Soccer club, have not gone unnoticed. Unfortunately, however, this kind of reporting is noticed for all the wrong reasons. Totally unproductive, thoughtless and negative journalism has no place in Soccer much less in a national circulation like ASW.

It achieves nothing by paying lip service to disillusioned club officials and offers nothing to thousands of dedicated voluntary administrators who least of all need to suffer the taunts of all-informed reporters. It is not for Mr Murphy to suggest what the NSW Federation should or should not be doing in matters of club grievances.

There are many avenues open to clubs where they can pursue explanations or satisfaction to their problems, none of which in this recent case, was attempted.

For the sake of Soccer, I would suggest it is more beneficial that we all recognise our responsibilities and act accordingly.

J. Bell
President
Artarmon Willoughby Soccer Club

ANGRY LUTON FANS STAGE A REVOLT

LUTON TOWN face a rebellion from their fans because of their planned switch to Milton Keynes, some 20 miles from Luton.

The club hopes to move into its new stadium, costing \$37,000,000, in 1985. The move was inspired by road works around Luton's ancient Kenilworth

Road ground.

Milton Keynes will be fully covered — it does rain in England! — and will have an artificial turf pitch.

This does not sway the disgruntled supporters. A petition demanding the team stay where it is was signed by 18,000 Luton people. That's 3,000 more

than the team's average home gate last season!

Tom Hunt, a Luton Town shareholder, says: "We have had a football club in Luton for 98 years and we're not giving it up without a struggle. We

have been betrayed."

John Rees, chairman of Milton Keynes City — average crowd 200 — warns that Luton Town will NOT be welcome because people are scared of the hooligan element.

ROBSON 'STRIKES' A RICH VEIN

ENGLAND team boss Bobby Robson has an unusual problem... too many strikers for the international side.

"You can have only four strikers in a squad of 22 players for the right balance and I have eight to pick from," said Robson.

Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis are rated certainties so this leaves only two spots to be filled.

Among leading candidates are Peter Withe, Luther Blissett, John Barnes, Cyrille Regis, Paul Mariner and Paul Walsh.

But, as one Fleet Street critic asks: "Does Robson have the quality to go with the quantity?"

We didn't see much quality when England toured Australia.



Barnes (left) and Blissett (above)

UK SOCCER SCENE

MISERABLE MOLINEUX MEMORIES

ARSENAL'S new Scottish star Charlie Nicholas shattered Wolves with a two-goal burst when the Gunners won 2-1 at Molineux.

Nicholas had a very good reason for wanting to do well at Wolverhampton.

Six years ago, the young Charlie was a schoolboy having trials with Wolves. One night, in the town centre, he was chased by a gang of hooligans.

That decided Charlie — he returned in a hurry to Scotland and Celtic!

AIMING HIGH

CHELSEA'S expensive new forward Kerry Dixon is a player who knows all about figures. Listen to this from Kerry: —

"I would like to score 29 League goals in 42 matches this season.

"That would give me a career average of a goal every two games or .5 of a goal every game. It could also make me the most prolific goalscorer playing.

"At the moment, my average is .44. Ian Rush is on .47.

"Of course, 29 goals is a tough target. I would rate 15 as not bad and 20 goals as good."

HAYNES HAS CUT ADrift

THE NAME of Johnny Haynes will always be remembered in English football. After all, the Fulham inside-forward played 56 times for England in international matches.

These days, Haynes, the master of the accurate long pass, lives in South Africa and has no interest in Soccer.

He never watches matches live but occasionally looks at video of English games 10 days after they've been played.

In addition to his international appearances, Haynes achieved fame (?)

by becoming the first player to be paid 100 pounds a week as soon as the maximum wage was scrapped.

That move, initiated by Fulham chairman Tommy Trinder — a comedian — started the spiral in wages which has made many clubs almost bankrupt.

MODEST HOLLINS



JOHN HOLLINS, now back at Chelsea after his transfer from Arsenal, refuses to be too cocky about Chelsea's bright start to the season.

Hollins (37) is player-coach with the team he left eight years ago, and he says: "The players have set their standards for the season — it's up to them if they finish as winners or also-rans. But I think they've caught the winning bug."

It was in 1952 that Hollins first signed for Chelsea.



Bowles is tipped to sign for non-League club Hounslow. He was given his clearance by Brentford at the end of last season.

He would like to stay in the Football League but there have been no offers: he also failed to get a club in North America.

Bowles is in a similar situation to Tony Currie, featured on this page a week ago.

Both are gifted footballers but they're on the outer.

UK Soccer tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE				DIVISION FOUR			
W	D	L	Pts	W	D	L	Pts
West Ham	11	1	23	York	11	1	23
Ipswich	10	2	22	Northampton	10	2	22
Manchester United	10	1	21	Sheff Wed	10	1	21
Liverpool	9	3	21	Sheff Sat	9	3	21
Southampton	9	2	20	Cardiff	9	2	20
Aston Villa	8	4	20	Blackburn	8	4	20
Coventry	8	3	19	Sheff Utd	8	3	19
Luton	7	5	19	Blackpool	7	5	19
Nottingham Forest	7	4	18	Sheff Utd	7	4	18
Birmingham	7	3	17	Sheff Sat	7	3	17
Notts County	6	6	18	Sheff Utd	6	6	18
Arsenal	6	5	17	Sheff Sat	6	5	17
Derby	6	4	16	Sheff Utd	6	4	16
Watford	6	3	15	Sheff Sat	6	3	15
Tottenham	5	7	17	Sheff Utd	5	7	17
Queens Park Rangers	5	6	16	Sheff Sat	5	6	16
West Bromwich	5	5	15	Sheff Utd	5	5	15
Everton	5	4	14	Sheff Sat	5	4	14
Sunderland	5	3	13	Sheff Utd	5	3	13
Stoke	4	8	16	Sheff Sat	4	8	16
Wolverhampton	4	7	15	Sheff Utd	4	7	15
Leicester	4	6	14	Sheff Sat	4	6	14
DIVISION TWO				DIVISION THREE			
W	D	L	Pts	W	D	L	Pts
Sheff Wed	11	1	23	Hull	11	1	23
Sheff Sat	10	2	22	Sheff Utd	10	2	22
Middlesbrough	10	1	21	Rotherham	10	1	21
Manchester City	9	3	21	Bolton	9	3	21
Huddersfield	9	2	20	Oxford	9	2	20
Blackburn	8	4	20	Preston	8	4	20
Charlton	8	3	19	Wimbledon	8	3	19
Shrewsbury	7	5	19	Burnley	7	5	19
Newcastle	7	4	18	Millwall	7	4	18
Leeds	6	6	18	Bristol Rovers	6	6	18
Portsmouth	6	5	17	Newport	6	5	17
Brighton	6	4	16	Brentford	6	4	16
Cardiff	5	7	17	Scunthorpe	5	7	17
Grimsby	5	6	16	Wigan	5	6	16
Cambridge	5	5	15	Port Vale	5	5	15
Carlisle	4	8	16	Gillingham	4	8	16
Oldham	4	7	15	Lincoln	4	7	15
Derby	4	6	14	Walsall	4	6	14
Barnsley	4	5	13	Olymphoto	4	5	13
Crystal Palace	3	9	15	Southend	3	9	15
Swansea	3	8	14	Exeter	3	8	14
Fulham	3	7	13	Bradford	3	7	13
DIVISION ONE				DIVISION TWO			
W	D	L	Pts	W	D	L	Pts
Partick	11	1	23	Berwick	11	1	23
Dumbarton	10	2	22	Queen Of Sth	10	2	22
Falkirk	9	3	21	Forfar	9	3	21
Kilmarnock	8	4	20	East Fife	8	4	20
Hamilton	7	5	19	Stirling	7	5	19
Meadowbank	6	6	18	Stranraer	6	6	18
Morton	5	7	17	Arbroath	5	7	17
Brechin	4	8	16	Stenhousemuir	4	8	16
Airdrieonians	3	9	15	Dunfermline	3	9	15
Clydebank	2	10	14	Cowdenbeath	2	10	14
Raith	1	11	13	Montrose	1	11	13
Clyde	0	12	12	East Stirling	0	12	12
Ayr	0	13	11	Queens Park	0	13	11
Alloa	0	14	10	Albion	0	14	10

SPURS JINXED

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, hit by injuries last season, are again bedeviled by the injury hoodoo this season.

After only the first couple of weeks, Spurs have had big names Ossie Ardiles, Alan Brazil, Steve Archibald, Chris Hughton and Glen Hoddle all out of action and receiving treatment.

"I thought we had our share of injuries a year ago, but it seems the problem is back again," said team boss Keith Burkinshaw.

BARCLAYS BANK has decided to sponsor England's Under 19 Schools Cup competition.

The bank is putting \$37,000 into the kitty.

POOR reward for reaching the F.A. Cup Final... Brighton have lost their shirt sponsors. British Caledonian Airways have pulled out of their deal with the club and it was worth \$100,000 a year.

IF I WERE A RICH MAN!

LONDON businessman David Dein has bought 15 per cent interest in Arsenal and club chairman Peter Hill-Wood thinks he's crazy!

Hill-Wood said: "We are glad to have him but I think he's crazy. Some rich men like to buy yachts or fast cars but he chooses to put his money into a football club. It is dead money really."

Dein will be invited to join the present Arsenal

Board of Directors, which seems a reasonable invitation considering he has put \$500,000 of his own cash into the club.

Team manager Terry Neill copped some stick at the Arsenal shareholders meeting. One shareholder said Neill's record in buying players during the past three years was "a disaster."